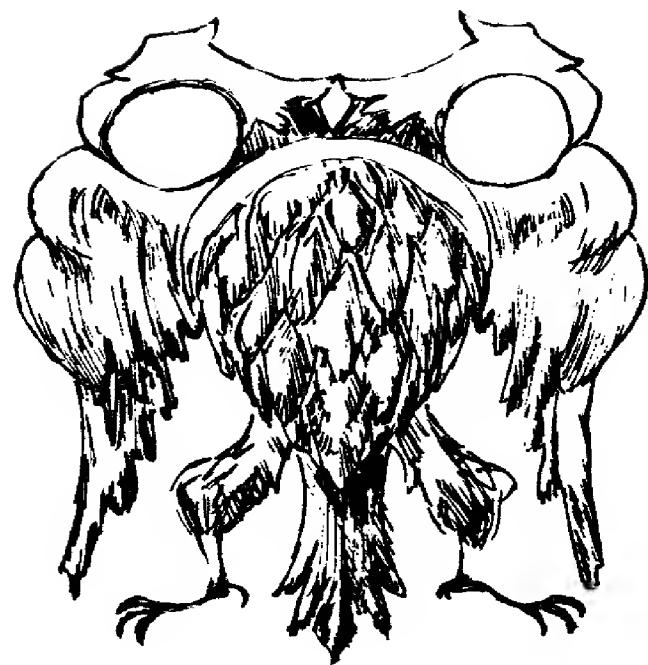


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FROM THE WIZARD'S MOUTH:

Hello one and all, to the 30th edition of ANDUIN. If things work out, this issue will be a little smaller than the last several ones. I'd like to get this to a manageable size that I will be able to keep pace with once I enter college. Something like 20-28 page issues. I've been getting a lot of notes recently in the mail asking me how I intend to keep doing ANDUIN once I enter college in the fall. Well, frankly I don't know yet. I'll have to see how my workload is first. I would like to continue if at all possible, but for the moment I'm not opening any more games and I can't say I'm sorry to see some of them winding down. GMing is fun but when the time comes for me to cut back on something, I don't want it to be the other parts of the zine.

Two things of interest came in the mail recently. The first is the announcement of a new zine, FEUDIST, to be published by Dan R. Wilson. Dan intends to have Feudist be a "replacement" for John Michalski's now defunct Brutus Bulletin--he wants to include only feuds in the 'zine. He writes: "Many publishers do not want to include feuds in their zines for fear of catching some of the mud being slung around. ...If two or more people feel that they must publicly castigate each other within the hobby, then let Feudist be the medium they use." This frankly disgusts me. What the hobby does not need now or any other time is a forum for feuds. Of course Dan will not be able to replace BB, or even come close -- you can't force a feud into your zine by asking people to feud in it. Michalski never did. In any case, I'm not including Dan's address for obvious reasons nor will I be trading with him (though he will be getting a copy of this issue). I suggest you all stay away from FEUDIST also.

The other interesting thing to come my way was EVERYTHING #59. In it Kathy Byrne describes her decision on the Electronic Mail issue. She writes: "I have ruled this game a variant, and Lee Kendter ((the BNC)) has agreed with me. ...The GM, very unsatisfied with my ruling, has chosen to write to quite a few zines about me. It seems that he feels enough hobby pressure will get me to reverse my ruling. I'm sorry that he saw fit to go that route, but I am the BNC and as long as I am, the game will not receive a BN." Now I am in full agreement with Kathy's ruling on the issue of E-Mail games, what scared me is Kathy's statement that as long as she is BN, things will be done her way. I happen to think that she is a very competent BNC, and I feel assured that the job is in safe hands, but that statement sounds totalitarian. The BNC is not a dictator! I really don't want to get into the issue of "who has 'power'" in this hobby, I guess what I want to ask is: "Does what Kathy (the BNC) say go? Period?" I view this as being potentially very dangerous. Any thoughts people?

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There are no game openings currently, nor will there be any for a while.

Stand-by list for Regular Dip: Jung, Ellis, Hakey, Murray, Quirk, Makuc, Ansoff, Corbin, Anderson, Lorber, Dancause, Frueh & Felella. Anyone want on or off?

Stand-by list for variants: Scheifler, Anderson, Keller, Quirk, Dancause, Makuc, & Chisholm. Anyone else?

Stand-by list for Kingmaker: Brawner.

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The cover art, done once again by my sister requires a disclaimer. She got the idea out of a Russian History book, thus any connection between it and the symbol used by the Nazis is purely coincidental, and is not meant to be a representation of them. I kinda like it myself.

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Play-list: Nothing new except The Car's Heartbeat City **1/2
Read-list: Keaton's Biological Science (zzz).

See-list: Greystoke **1/2, Broadway Danny Rose ***

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THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ANDUIN GAMES IS THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1984

1981KE Anduin (Eric Kane)

A draw was agreed to last season between Italy (Paul Rauterberg) and Russia (Dave Carter). Here are the endgame statistics:

Austria: Mark Murray (out F'06)
England: Dick Martin (out F'05)
France: Roland Morris (out F'09)
Germany: Peter Ashley (out F'06)
Italy: **Paul Rauterberg** (draw F'09)
Russia: **Dave Carter** (draw F'09)
Turkey: Brian Lorber (out F'05)

	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109
A:	5	5	2	2	1	0	-	-	-
E:	4	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-
F:	5	6	6	9	9	6	5	2	0
G:	5	5	5	2	1	0	-	-	-
I:	3	4	6	8	10	12	13	15	17 draw F'09
R:	6	8	9	10	13*	16+	16+	17+	17! draw F'09
T:	4	3	3	2	0	-	-	-	-

Notes: This game was announced in Anduin #4 (December 1, 1981) and the draw was agreed to in #29 (February 14, 1984). Thus it took 2 years and 2 months to complete. One fact that I'd like to (proudly) note is that there were no replacement players. There were two or three NMRs, but everyone stuck with their position to the end. Another interesting fact was that in S'01, Paul ordered E_NAE-Bre((imp)), and went on to share in the draw. Quite a feat! Dave (Russia) always appeared to be in excellent position and probably could have won the game at anytime from 1905 on, but he showed restraint and allegiance to his game-long ally which says something about his character, if not his intelligence (just kidding!). We have one endgame statement kiddies...

Russia (Dave Carter): I started this game with an alliance with England and a working agreement with Germany. Italy and I merely passed salutations. After straightening up my domestic situation I attacked Germany along with England. At this time Italy wrote to me with a very convincing letter outlining how we could divide the world....and we did.

I'm sorry that I had to attack Roland or Claude ((I think he either means Pete or Dick)) since I'm sure they would have turned out to be as trustworthy as Paul did, however they stood between me and dots so...Bon Voyage. Thank you to Paul for being so easy to work with. Thanks also to Eric for GM'ing a semiflawless game. The only black spot being that damned Dick Martin DIAS rule which unnecessarily prolonged the game. Does anyone read endgame statements?

((I hope so. Semiflawless?? I felt that this was one of my poorest GMing efforts, but thanks anyway.))
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One of the better British zines I've just recently begun trading with is Church_Mouse, from Dave Thomas, 16, Ballater Close, Burnside Stanley Co, Durham, DH9 6UN, the UK. A bit weird, but always very entertaining.

1982AK

Helcaraxe (Lorber) -W'01 Anduin (Kane)

Austria: John Robb (dro F'02); Kevin Stone (out F'03)

England: Richard Hershberger (dro S'02); **Jack Jung** (draw F'07)

France: Ken Halpern (res F'01); Greg Stewart (dro S'03); **Terry Tallman** (draw F'07)

Germany: **Ed Wrobel** (draw F'07)

Italy: **Jeff Ellis** (draw F'07)

Russia: Dave Anderson (out F'05)

Turkey: Eric Ozog (out F'05)

	101	102	103	104	105	106	107
A:	3	1	0	-	-	-	-
E:	4	4	4	3	4	4	5 (draw F'07)
F:	5	6*	5	6+	4	2	1 (draw F'07)
G:	5	7	8	9	11	11	11 (draw F'07)
I:	4	7	9	11	15	17	17 (draw F'07)
R:	4	4	4	1	0	-	-
T:	4	4	4	4	0	-	-

Notes: This game was announced in Helcaraxe #1 (Anduin #8) and the draw was agreed upon in #29. Thus the game took just under two years to complete (1 yr., 11 months). I felt sure that Jeff would win the game in 1906 or at least set up for a win in '07. I believe with a little more precise play he would have made it. Had he not tried to grab War and/or Mos, but to take Sil first, he might have had a better chance. The thrilling moment of the game definitely was F'06 when he had a 50/50 chance at getting center #18 and guessed wrong. I'll admit that I was rooting for him a little bit; it would have been kind of neat having both Ellis brothers collecting a win in Anduin. Another point of interest was Ozog's opening. He used the famed "Brux" opening F-ANE-BIA; A Smv-APM; A CON H. He then guessed successfully and took Sev in F'01. F and T then spent the rest of the game clawing at each other until they knocked themselves out. This game was plagued with drop-outs and player confusion thanks to the illustrious Brian Lorber, whom it took 6 months to complete the first year before handing it over to me. Not that I did a spectacular job with it either. The missing Austrian fleet was not the high point of my GMing career!

It is not coincidental that the players that never NMR'd ended up doing well. Ed (Germany) and Jeff (Italy) played solidly as did Jack (England) when he entered the game. G & I both found early easy pickings and grew quickly. Ozog's capitulation to Ellis certainly gave him the edge going into the endgame. Here are the endgame statements I received:

Italy (Jeff Ellis): This game was both fun and frustrating. You have to admit, being a 17 center Italy, and being stopped from making any progress would irritate most people, especially when a 1-center France (which could have led to my victory, if he hadn't stabbed me) also gets part of the draw. When this game started, I thought I would be hit by an A/F, or at least a full-fledged Austrian attack. I constantly wrote Austria, wanting peace, but he had a severe problem of never writing back, so, being the

paranoid person I am, I sent all my units East, and quite quickly and surprisingly, I overran him with little resistance. At this time, the Western nations (France, Germany and England) were all mixed up in their war, so they paid little attention to the quickly expanding Italy. Russia was my ally, who assisted me in the demise of Austria, but he was slowly going downhill, with Turkey hitting him from the south, and Germany and England wandering in and out of his country. I then decided it was no longer profitable to be allied to this dying country, so I stabbed him, taking what little he had left. This left me completely surrounding Turkey, and I took advantage of that situation. Poor 'Ol Eric tried to hold me off single-handedly, which was pretty much impossible, so he got his death over quicker by throwing his centers to me (I then granted him refuge in my Greek harem). It was soon after that when I made the mistake that made me take part in a draw, instead of the win. I had a choice between hitting either Warsaw or Moscow, which is known as a guessing game. Unfortunately, I guessed wrong one season, which was just enough for Germany to get his armies over where the action was, to support all of his units. At that time, the Western nations then realized they must unite, or I would win. While all this action was going on around Russia, I started to move my fleets (which were used to snatch Turkey's centers) toward the Atlantic. France (Tallman) said he would help me get the few extra centers I needed to win the game, so naturally, I tried to take him up on this. Right when I thought I had this game won, Mr. Tallman decided to ruin the Smiling Frowning Premier's fun, by retaking Marseilles (with German support, of course), and really screwing up the situation for me in France. I at one time had my eyes on Portugal, competing with England for it, but due to Tallman taking Marseilles, England got Portugal, but I managed to get Mar back. It was then that I took a long look at the board and realized that it was literally impossible to make any progress, thus, I went for the DIAS (although I was the one who asked for the illegal G/I draw). My congratulations to all of you, especially you, Ed, who was the main factor to screw my game up.

Germany (Ed Wrobel): This game never came to my attention don't get me wrong I answered every letter and I trusted my ally and I told at least two lies and for some curious reason I had some success but I never felt strongly about it like that 1981Y game in The Buzzard's Breath my first postal game in which I got into a big fight with Mike Woodhall as France I foolishly built 2 fleets in 'Ol what can I say I was wet behind the ears and Woodhall's Germany turned on me and we wrote nasty letters to one another well England NMRed out in the mid-game and a couple of turns later Don Ditter of all people came in by that time Italy was verging on 17 and it was Ditter's England a very calming influence and Woodhall's Germany and me as France and we got to the stalemate line and then Woodhall NMRed and Italy won oh I wanted that one bad and we had it but for an NMR cheesh but this one I thought Italy had it after Ozog dropped his pants and bent over and I didn't care but I had a good time trying to figure out how to shift my armies east and I was delighted when Tallman agreed to join us Jack Jung was a very steady very polite ally I highly

recommend him as I look back over my letters I see that Halpern started out as France with Hershberger as England then the Desperate Man Stewart came in as France I have one letter from him and it's a real collector's item Halpern wanted me to move A Mun-Kie and A Ber-Mun in Sp 01 and appealed to my origin in Baltimore I looked forward to discussing the Orioles with him but he only wrote once maybe twice and dropped out and I wanted to work with England anyway because I lusted for Russian dots figuring that he was an easy target with trouble in the south and a reputation for a telephonic faux pas I knew I could make big points with half the hobby if I snuffed him and it sure helped in the long run when Ellis threatened to win I should have attacked Ellis sooner I suppose but Ozog's surrender caught me by surprise I hope I get in a game with him as my neighbor now that I know how easy he gives up I'll blitz him right away Tallman slipping that fleet into the NTH looked like trouble but he NMRed a couple of times even the subzine editor quit the game it sure is good that Eric took it over I think I'll name my first-born male child after him.

((It took me a while to get that!))

Now an Ex-Smoker

By Frank A. Osaki

"I smoke for my health," I proclaimed on this page in 1979. Since I am a physician, this medical advice attracted amused attention. I reasoned that smoking made me cough and thus prevented pneumonia. Smoking made my heart go faster and eliminated need for additional exercise. Smoking curbed my appetite and kept me from getting fat. I no longer smoke for my health.

My health can't stand the help. At 51, I had a heart attack. I squandered my inheritance. Risk factors for early heart attacks include hypertension, diabetes, a family history of heart disease, abnormal blood lipid patterns and smoking. All the risk factors that I had no control over were in my favor. I chose to smoke. Strange how the evidence that linked smoking to heart disease appeared equivocal to me last month, and now the same data appear overwhelmingly convincing.

Why stop now? Smokers who stop after their first heart attack have an 80 percent chance of living 10 more years — if they don't, a 60 percent chance.

As a smoker, I always resented the fact that we, as a group, received no gratitude, only scorn, from nonsmokers. How could nonsmokers know that smoking was bad for health if there were no smokers to prove it? Being a member of the experimental group, rather than the control group, deserves a certain measure of societal appreciation. I've done my time — I'm now ready to be a control.

Will I miss the late-night trips to find a store still open and selling cigarettes? Will I miss rummaging through ashtrays to find the longest butt that is still smokeable? Only time will tell. Not smoking may give me the time to find out.

Was it easy to stop? Sure. Here is all you have to do. First, experience a severe crushing pain under your breastbone as you finish a cigarette. Next, have yourself admitted to a coronary-care unit and stripped of your clothing and other belongings. Finally, remain in the unit at absolute bed rest for four days while smoking is prohibited. This broke my habit. See if it works for you.

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SCROLLS, SPELLS AND OTHER LETTERS

From Steve Langley - Sacramento, CA:

Subject: Eric Kane. Experiment: Use of light sarcasm in discussion. Observation: Subject becomes even more erratic than usual. Conclusion: Possible sign of immaturity not inconsistent with chronological age of subject.

((Subject: Steve Langley. Experiment: Reflex reaction to views other than those of the subject. Observation: Subject displays one of two childish defense mechanisms: in this case the "Hey I was only kidding/being sarcastic" defense. Conclusion: Definite sign of immaturity given the results of similar experiments conducted throughout the dippy microcosm.))

Too bad I don't have any facts to back up my arguments? Let's see, I argued that you knew little beyond what you read in Anduin about the Shroud of Turin. I argued that you were satisfied with that level of knowledge. Since I derived both of those positions from your writing in Anduin, you will either have to grant me my 'facts' or explain why you state one position but hold another. Or, is it facts about the Shroud itself I am supposed to show you? I can't. Facts are hard evidence and there is very little hard evidence about the Shroud. ((Now why doesn't that surprise me?)) I never laid claims for the authenticity of the Shroud, nor do I now. My position is that you take unjustifiably dogmatic positions about things that you know little to nothing about and leap with joy on any 'proof' that supports your position, without any real thought or examination. What's more, you seem to be of the opinion that you are quite clever and show a broad intelligence by doing so. ((Is this "sarcasm" too? If I respond in a like manner, how will you defend yourself this time?))

The 'facts' about the Shroud are that it exists, that it has existed since 13 something or other at a minimum, that it is a burial shroud. That is about it. Because it seemed to have a miraculous quality, the church gave it 'artifact' status. The miraculous quality, that of showing a photographic negative that appears 'Christlike' when photo-reproduced and made positive, has been shown to be a natural effect. That it is (or may be) a fake is purely a matter of faith in man's evil nature. ((Oh yes, to hell with scientific findings and results. Faith is so much easier!)) My personal opinion is that it is a burial shroud, very unlikely that of Christ but possibly so, and not a deliberate fake. I have no 'facts' to back up that position. I do have a larger body of knowledge on the subject than yourself (unless you've done a lot of reading in the past month) to draw upon in drawing my conclusion.

Don't worry about overestimating me. ((Who's worrying?)) You do it, or it's a compliment, to everyone. It's all just a matter of degree. In my opinion, you also do it to yourself, and that could be quite a bit more serious.

In any event, after months of playing like we have some weighty opinions, you and I have evolved to the point of 'ad hominum' arguments. Not much of a show for either of us, is it?

Bigfoot? How dare they question the authenticity of bigfoot. And after I went to all the trouble of renting that fur suit and the snowshoes. Sigh.

Bob Olsen's complaints about Dick Martin are quite sadly real. I was a player in that game, R3, replacing Jack Masters. It was pitiful the way Dick treated Bob's unit, refusing to let it into the North Sea from Holland, even though the Nth Sea was empty and uncontested at the time. Check the record if you don't believe me; it's all there.

Kudos to Vicki for her cover art. Her drawings give your zine an extra something that makes it stand out.

Back to Bob Olsen. He probably got the Magus I prepared for Woody. Woody dropped me from his sub list after he stabbed me in 1981D. It took me a couple of months to figure out that he had stopped sending me Coat Of Arms (you can appreciate not noticing something like the lack of a vacuum, right?) ((In Woody's case, yes!)) and when I did, I'm sure my subconscious must have miscollated his copy of Magus. Unfortunately for Bob, even though my subconscious was aiming at Woody, Daf addresses the zine.

((Quite a letter, Steve. I'll grant that you didn't just roll over and die, but you still don't show any facts to prove to me that the Shroud is authentic. Now you tell us that you never intended to, but that it is merely a matter of faith. Let the readers draw conclusions from that as they will, I won't argue with you on it any more. But please don't insult my intelligence by saying you were only kidding last issue. I guess the Japanese were only kidding at Pearl Harbor also? True, I don't have a vast knowledge of the Shroud, but I do know a little something about it which I have collected throughout my 18 years of humble existence. This particular 'artifact' reminds me of St. Peters in Italy (not the big one, but a smaller one located on the outskirts of Rome. This one has Michelangelo's Moses sculpture in it.). In the church there are some old rusty chains that supposedly held Peter at one time. Uh huh, suuuuuuure! Anyway Steve, let's not fight anymore; or if we are going to, at least let's stay out of the mud, ok?))

From Dick Martin - Rockville, MD:

THE TRUE REVISED HISTORY OF 1979KG (aka R3)

Hah! So you think that I felt the sharp edge of Bob Olsen's sarcasm? Nothing could be further from the truth. The rumors are true - I am totally insensitive. Olsen is a gnat to me - a toy to be swatted at will.

His description of R3 is amazingly accurate, for what it's worth. I realized that he was going for the win when he occupied Silesia in 1902. All the experts say that he who owns Silesia controls the universe, that's common knowledge. I felt it best for play balance if I threw the Olsen toady, Vielmann (obviously a made-up name: viler-man), out of the game and played the position myself. Using a pseudonym, Rich (my first name) Dunn (as in, "look what Rich done to Olsen!"), I took control of the Russian forces. Even with my advantages as both GM and player, Olsen overpowered Russia easily. I knew I was in trouble. So I

replaced the original Austrian Chris Luckenbill, who was known to have pro-Olsen leanings, with Jack Masters - a knave and cutthroat of the first degree.

For the moment, Olsen was slowed, I had stemmed the tide. Then I got wind of the Olsen-Masters deal. Apparently Bob had agreed to write several stories which Jack could sign and claim as his own. At this time, the entire ESM was pressuring me to name an issue of Betal "Scotch Brand Tape". If I capitulated, this would be taken as a sign of my weakness, and trigger the Olsen-Masters deal. I got wind of all this from the enemy of a friend of my wife Julie's fifth cousin, who overheard a telephone discussion on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Again, I was forced to act - this time by ejecting Masters and replacing him with mild-mannered and easily controlled Steve Langley. ((the plot thickens!))

With his last puppet gone, Olsen became fairly easy prey for my stooges in France and England - Stephen Lee and Scott Jones. Still, Olsen, the brilliant tactitian, managed to hold back 17 oncoming units for several game years. Finally, he misordered his unit, and I was able to eliminate it (and him) from the game.

As a final indignity, he managed to eke a word of sympathy from Jones. For this display of weakness, I was forced to eject Jones. Fortunately, I had recruited a spy within the ESM, Mike Barro. I inserted him into the English position, typed out a few more seasons to make it look credible, and declared RE a DIAS draw among my lackeys. Victory was mine.

Of course you should thank me. If Olsen is ever permitted to win a dip game, it may rend the entire fabric of Dipdom. If I have my way, it'll be a chilly afternoon at my house before that happens. Remember, I do it all for you!

((Indeed, I remember at Byrnecon win Olsen was up to about 12 units in one game, I could feel the elemental forces at work - twisting and turning in anger at the chaos being permitted! What this hobby needs is a few more dedicated GMs like Dick Martin. It's a thankless job though, eh Dick?))

From Bruce Linsey - Dalton, MA:

I'll try to keep this brief enough so that you can print it all in one piece.

In Anduin #29, replying to Olsen's letter (which I'll get to in a minute), you label my houserules as "silly, hypocritical, and inconsistent." Really, now, it's easy to make up fancy-sounding labels and attach them to someone or something that you disagree with. It is much more persuasive (and correspondingly more difficult) to show how these labels are applicable. I believe I can refute all three of them, in this instance.

Silly: An issue or two ago, you listed several of my houserules that you feel are silly. Among the HRs you listed were, for instance, my statement on how I will handle conditional orders, the rule which permits parenthetical orders like F Mid-Eng (F Lon S), and the rule permitting a player in VD to call for his results as soon as the game deadline has passed. Of course, you glossed over the contents of these rules in Anduin, instead just

identifying them by number, but now I'd like to hear specifically just why those rules are silly. Do you have a better alternative in mind than allowing a player to call for results right away, for example? If so, why not let me hear it? Or, on the other hand, are you just calling this rule "silly" because you weren't able to find enough truly "silly" ones to support your claim, and you felt you could hide this fact by just giving the numbers instead of saying what the rules are? I have my own suspicions regarding the answer to that question, but I'd like to see you try and wiggle out of it yourself. Consider this a challenge, then. You called the three rules mentioned above "silly". I want to see you back up that statement. ((Well let me first thank you for giving me their numbers so I don't have to spend hours looking them up. No, I'm not going to waste my time looking for them nor do I intend to waste more space in my zine discussing this issue. Yes, I listed them by number last time to make you look silly. You're taking the entire matter incredibly seriously. Of course this places me in a "Catch-22" since I just finished accusing Steve Langley of the defense mechanism of backing up his charges by saying he was "joking".))

Hypocritical: I assume that you call my houserules "hypocritical" for the same reason you call me "hypocritical". Like father, like son, so the saying goes, eh? As I recall, your most recent justification for the term was the fact that I call myself "strict" while at the same time using some houserules that are admittedly lenient. Your example was my collect calls to players who are about to NMR.

Well, I've already responded to this reasoning, but to recap the situation: when I began publishing, I devised my houserules to conform to my ideas of the way a game should be run, based on my own (limited) playing experience. As my playing and GMing experience both increased, the rules I had evolved gradually into the ((planet)) set I have now. In my opinion, my houserules are reflective of the GMing procedures which I regard as "common sense", although you and others disagree. Once I had gained a couple of years worth of GMing experience, it was clear to me and most others that my houserules were generally "stricter" (read: somewhat pickier) than those most other GMs were using. Although this wasn't the case with 100% of my houserules (e.g. the provision for collect calls), it was still a good generalization to label myself a "strict" GM. I do this very openly whenever I open games these days, so that potential players will be aware of the general style I use. You want to call this whole system "hypocritical" because my rules contain a few lenient procedures - and I think you're putting the cart before the horse. But if you still disagree, then I'd like to hear what, in your opinion, should be changed so that my houserules are no longer "hypocritical". Should I: 1) make them less strict, or 2) stop calling them strict, or 3) make them 100% strict? ((4) stick 'em where the sun don't shine!)) Or, are they beyond hope altogether and doomed to inevitable, eternal hypocrisy regardless of how they might change? ((My, aren't we clever?!) Alright, here is my reply: I can't see how the following can not be viewed as anything but hypocritical: 1: A player who calls you to submit orders forgets to order a unit or misorders a unit and you don't

remind him. 2: A player who forgets to order all his units (i.e. he is about to NMR) is reminded to order them by you calling him. Do you what you want with your HR's Bruce, it's not my place to tell you what to do with them nor do I care much. You have previously admitted that you have tried to cover all possible options but by doing so, you have complicated your HR's needlessly for events that just aren't ever going to occur (i.e. the multiple convoy rules).)

Inconsistent: This one is just a bit harder to answer, because it's your newest label and you haven't yet attempted to justify it. If you can elaborate, I'll be glad to correct the inconsistencies if I agree with them, or debate you if I don't. But until you back up this latest criticism, the label won't stick, and therefore doesn't need rebuttal. ((And prolong my agony as well as my readers' by hearing more of this? No thanks.))

Anyway, even though your reply to him was somewhat short of brilliant, Olsen's letter itself was a masterpiece. I almost choked to death laughing when I read his paragraph about me being the Lou Gossett of Postal Diplomacy. But two three four, but two three four - get them orders right, Doomies, or you'll never leave this 'zine alive! I love it!

One of the beautiful things about good satire like Olsen's is that it is very difficult to rebut the writer's arguments without coming across as a wet blanket, unless of course one responds in kind with equally good satire. Since my satirical pen isn't working at the moment, I can't do this. So indulge me please, while I give serious treatment to Olsen's humorously-stated sentiments.

It's carrying things just a bit overboard to claim that the primary selling point of a VD game is the "reservoir of detail" which the astute player can turn "to a cheap advantage". Actually, I prefer to think of the "reservoir of detail" in my houserules as a source of information to my players regarding how I will rule in the various situations that may or may not come up in their game. And if some player is crafty enough to use this information to his own advantage, well, more power to him! But I doubt that VD players rely on this sort of tactic in general; in VD as elsewhere, the most successful players are the ones whose skills at negotiating are superior to their opponents'.

Regarding Olsen's assessment of Woody as "basically a social player who plays for the fun of it", of course he does, but then don't we all?! I play "for the fun of it" too, even though my perception of fun may not match Woody's one hundred per cent. Some people play the ratings systems, and maybe for them, that's fun. So be it.

Speaking of Woody, I see he's got a letter this issue attacking my fairness and honesty as a GM. I always get a kick out of Woody's bumbling logic and faltering attempts to use the English language. Everyone knows how I GM, so no defense is needed; but I wish I had a nickel for every time Woody has said mean and nasty things about me. I'd be so rich I could retire and GM full time! So, go Woody, GO!

As for Dick Martin, well, at least he is familiar with the English language. I think that his "joke" (if it was one) in

sending me a double issue cut diagonally in half was cute, but it's about time for him to pay me what he owes me. Hell, Dick isn't a bad guy in my book. I just don't like being ripped off. ((G-A-S-P! Can you imagine that Dick Martin?! He's just like the scrooge of Postal Diplomacy! My my my! I wonder how much Dick "ripped you off" for Bruce, initially (read: before you start adding in the postage you spent trying to get the other diagonal half which I have been informed you have already received)??))

In general Eric, I understand that you can't keep putting out huge issues, but I wish you'd allow the debate regarding my GMing to continue in Anduin. Maybe publish mid-monthlies, eh? If I remember correctly, you told me over the phone that you had discarded letters on that topic from Caruso, Martin, and Tallman. Good grief, man, think of the fun I could have had responding to all of those.

((Sadly, you did not get the message that they all astutely picked up: Nobody cares anymore! The debate (in Anduin at least) is over. I wasn't even going to print this letter except that I received Voice_of_Doom #93 yesterday with an entire page devoted to attacking me. Let me print the excerpt which really riled me up: "And speaking of hypocritical, far be it from me to apply the term to Eric, but a couple of issues ago he stated that had he not won the NEPTUNE game here, he would have sought (and believes he, would have gotten) an irregular ruling. Yup, folks, that's right, Eric Kane, who calls me a hypocrite, will sign up for a game knowing full well that the GM is going to rule strictly, and then, upon losing, seek an irregular ruling because the GM ruled strictly! Fortunately, none of the other four players who were around at game's end felt the same way. I'm sure that Pat Conlon, Ed Jedry, Rob Shmunk and Mark Duarte are gratified to know that if Eric hadn't won, he'd be protesting the win of whoever had." Well, Bruce, you have finally proven to me what others have said about you all along. You will pay any cost in order to have controversy and/or a feud. In this case the price may be our friendship. What you did not tell your readers along with this attack on page 2, was that you had called me a while ago and asked if I had really meant what I had said about getting an irregular ruling had I not won. Remember that phone conversation Bruce? Or will you deny it ever occurred, my ethical friend? I told you then that no, I probably would never have even thought about getting an irregular ruling. And that the thought only came up in hindsight after we had debated the issue for several months. Still, that didn't stop you from printing what you did in #93, and possibly damaging my image as an ethical player with your 122 subscribers. In any case, you have definitely damaged my character in their eyes, and at the same time damaging your own in mine. You are very close to losing me as a friend, too, Bruce, but maybe you don't care. Whatever, I demand a public apology and explanation for that paragraph - forget about the other obnoxious and snide remarks that you so kindly directed at me. And if no apology is forthcoming, then Bruce, the kid gloves are off, and I'll unleash an arsenal unlike any you've ever experienced before. You want a feud Bruce? You now have the option of getting one. And yes, I am pissed as hell!!!))

From Dave Carter - Willowdale, CANADA:

Sure were a lot of smoking comments in your last issue. You should have told me it was a theme issue and I would have added my 2 cents worth. I don't smoke or drink alcohol because when I tried to do either/or I became violently ill. After a few years of trying to please my peers by getting violently ill, I matured and said "Fuck it", they're the bad guys - I'm a good guy. Now, I don't even make a pretense of drinking or smoking. Julie stopped smoking for 17 months while she carried Adam and breastfed him, but as soon as she put him on a bottle she started again. I just don't understand women sometimes...well, most of the time actually. ((join the crowd!))

I loved Olsen's letter about Novices being forced to play under Linsey aka "Bootcamp". The trouble is that this is a hobby and if you give novices a hard time at the start they'll say goodbye (I was gonna say "fuck it", but one of them per letter is enough). I still don't see what is so hard about playing in VoD. With his kind of reliability I'd sign up any time. ((So would I, but wait until you get something like Wrobel got. Then you and I can really appreciate Linsey's GMing.))

I enjoy reading the Bloom County cartoons in the local newspaper. It ranks right up there with Hagar and Guindon.

Ya know, when I put the endgame statements in with SK I always wondered if it made a difference when the SC chart went in. Now that I have to remember what happened in 81KE I sorta think that an endgame chart before the endgame statements would make it easier for the players to write endgame statements. I wonder what Linsey would do?

((Yes, I see the point of putting the stats in immediately too, and I'll do it from now on.))

From Joan Extrom - Philomath, OR:

I just realized what your problem is, Eric. You don't have a nickname! Every well-known hobby figure has one. I suggest you apply to Terry Tallman. Besides being the Hobby Sex Ghod, he is the Hobby Nickname Custodian. I'm sure he could fix you up with a good nickname right away. Don't ask for a nickname in Kathy's Korner - you'll get stuck with something like "Mr. Daly, Sir", like I did.

Your editorial on smoking was excellent. I agree 100%.

((Thanks. Hmm, maybe I'll ask both Kathy and Terry and pick the one I like best. Am I allowed to do that?))

From Mark Luedi - Bloomington, IN:

I've only this evening picked up the last couple of Anduins with the express purpose of (wrapping chicken gizzards) reading them.

I was very pleased (not to mention startled) to find a neuter possessive adjective without an apostrophe. Pat yourself on the

back for making the effort; but, be wary of the nit-pickers. Let them try to do a 20 or 30 page zine without a few typos! A lot of computer programs have "dictionaries", allowing one to locate misspelled words. Except they only locate words not in the "dictionary". It wouldn't cue you in to something like "and they had roast fir breakfest." I always enjoy getting letters from people with word processors with these types of mistakes. It betrays their neglect. Sans wordprocessor, one makes a mess truly. Eject. Chute opens. Sailing slowly down - through a sphere of blue.

A few random responses based on the last couple of letter columns:

I hereby contend that Rod Walker is at least three people. No one person can possibly know so much, do so much, and disseminate so much; and live to tell about it. I'm anxiously awaiting his 20 volume History of Western Civilization and Culture. The story of Jesus needs a bit more color, though.

Gee, Eric, did I miss out on the religious discussion, er, that discussion on religion, without getting my two cents in? ((between you and Carter I've made 4 cents so far this issue)) Do you give change for a dollar? Ah, I'll spare you. You probably wouldn't hear about it, anyways.

I do, however, share your contempt for the pollution brought about by cigarette smokers. I can't say I was ever exposed to that fate as a teenager, few if any of my friends/aquaintances smoked. Nor do my parents. Nonetheless, I'm thankful I don't. But not quite never. Once in a while on occasion (maybe 8-10 times in the past 5-6 years), I have smoked, more as a way to parodize the smoker(s) than for any other reason. Of course, usually I've been drinking on those occasions. (Nothing like a double dose!)

By now, this letter has lost all semblance of cohesive expression. I guess I'm out of practice writing to zine editors. Don't do much of that anymore. College and all. Will you continue to publish in college? ((good question)) I don't mean to discourage you, but it is sometimes a tricky proposition. I've been lucky; like if it wasn't for spring break this week, this TMoBR would have been impossible (well, difficult anyways). It's not impossible to combine college and zine publishing (and your computer provides some advantage), but I'd trade the ol' 12 page days for the present if I could. (I guess zines have a habit of almost getting away from you; and if you're not so lucky, they do. I imagine a good proportion of the hobby's zines have gone under after only 6 to 18 months. Call it paranoia! But that seems to be the trend. Zine debuts. Things go fine for a while - things are pretty slow. Zine builds up steam. Zine builds up more steam. Publisher applies brakes. Hey, zine isn't slowing down! Zine builds up even more steam. Publisher jumps off in panic. Or wonders about jumping. Or stays on for the duration. Yeah, publishers gotta be tough to stick it out. You have no idea what it's like until you do it, and by then, often times, it's too late. The zine derails of its own weight. (I hope you're aware, Eric, that this isn't being aimed at you - I imagine you're pretty much in control of things at this point.) ((what a vivid imagination!)) Well, I can liken zines to trains. TMoBR is more

like an angus bull that some poor SOB has to ride in a rodeo. (Yeah, guess who.) It's sometimes a tenuous line between control and losing it, but I don't ever feel the force from that line. But I also realize I have to knuckle down with the future in mind. Gosh, it's so easy to get into this hobby and decide to publish a zine. There aren't a whole lot of zines around anymore that were here when I got started. A lot have come and gone in the last 3 and a half years. So, why am I telling you all this? I dunno. I guess I'm thinking of all those people out there who want to jump into publishing and haven't an iota of what's involved. Anyways, college can put an additional strain on. Kind of runs in cycles. Some semesters provide a lot of extra time. Others don't. And there's this big shortage of time at midterm and the end of the semester. I get behind in my Dip-related stuff. I am rarely caught up. I wouldn't know what to do if I were. Anyways, keep it in mind. End of soliloquy.

But nah, I won't. Perhaps I can still yet attempt to entice you to swap zines. I'm sure I could do a top-notch job of ruining Anduin: you could crumble TMoBR into bits and all our problems would be solved, yes? Actually, for the divergence our two zines offer, I sense some sort of common thread. Is it that they're both digest? That seems the only common denominator. Any ideas? Gee, ya think i coulda commented on religion by now? ((Probably more like that they're both so hard to digest!))

Uncle Dan would be proud of me - I've turned into a certifiable, bona fide U2 freak. I recently picked up Boy, their first. I find I like it better than War, their most recent. I've met somebody who is into a lot of the more contemporary music. The Tenants, anyone? Pretty strange. Too strange for my tastes, I'm afraid. Might pursue his recommendation for XTC, though.

Anyways, since this letter took 3 days to get finished (and hey, it is spring break!), I had to hold your TMoBR over a day. Hope you don't mind. Collate, fold, staple, address, stamp, write notes, staple, dump into U.S. Postal Sewer, pray no one's offended, kick back and relax; put away masters, extras, all the paraphernalia of publishing, stamps, etc.; you know how it goes. It ain't a living.

((Do I ever! Good to hear from you Markie. Mr. Berch, do you have any statistics on zine longevity? How 'bout you Fred Davis? Anyone else care to comment, please do.))

From Rod Walker - Encinitas, CA:

Human nature: part of our evolution. We bring a lot with us out of our prehuman origins, and much of it is not compatible with the civilization we have built. But there it is. The felt need to believe in a higher force or power seems to be part of that baggage...either because something in our makeup is programmed in that direction, or because there is some force or power of that nature, or both. My own opinion is "both".

Science, though is not definitive in and of itself. Any real scientist will tell you that. It is a methodology, that's all, and it has accumulated an impressive body of knowledge in the past few centuries. However: the most interesting aspect of science is

that it is a very close relative of Zen. Without human intuition, our ability to grasp larger and higher truths out of a welter of data, there would be no science. A good example would be the career of Charles Darwin. Or the intuitive leap to the double helix by the two men who discovered it. ((Watson and Crick, right? An interesting thing about Darwin. He wrote in his autobiography that his views changed from theism towards agnosticism and finally to atheism towards the end of his life.))

American Revolution: Oh, well, of course all was not so good and pure and all that as one might read in a grammar school text. And the mercantile system was part of it. One of the most interesting aspects, however, was the rule of western land schemes in the Revolution. As you know, settlement west of the Proclamation Line of 1763 was prohibited. There were many land development schemes anyway, and a large number of the leaders of the American Revolution had invested in them... Hamilton for sure, and if memory serves, Franklin and Washington and Revere. In any event, it is demonstrable that most colonial leaders had a material interest in at least loosening the ties to England. Had the English been more flexible, a total break would not have occurred. ((Perhaps. My point is this: If civilization is to advance, it would make a quantum leap if the entire world were united under one nation. Many empires have attempted world dominion: Rome, France, Germany, US, Russia, Britain, Mongolia, Greece to name a few. And of these, I feel the one that came the closest and the one which was the least barbaric (relatively, and that is an important point) was the British Empire.))

As for Ken Halpern's gratuitous put-down of California: well, of course, it's de rigueur for the old and worn-out to put down the new and growing. And naturally we would expect New York to hate the state which has taken over as both the wealthiest and the most populous state in the Union. One has to concede to the city of New York a certain number of amenities, for which one of course pays a price. What's an apartment go for a month now? \$1500??? Something like that. You can have it. I can walk around Balboa Park in San Diego (or Griffin Park in L.A.) at midnight without fear, and have a good time...can you say the same for Central Park? ((Hey, Central Park is like playing D&D for real! Can you say that?!)) Shall we compare weather? Power costs? Food costs? Quality of wine production? Population trends? Ethnic variety? Quality of civic government? (I mean, we didn't have to bail San Francisco out, did we?) If you want to put California down, go ahead...it's really like headlines in Pravda telling its readers how horrid things are in the decadent West. True, we have to live down things like Ronnie Reagan (and Richard Nixon), but at least we don't have to live down things like the Tweed Ring and Roscoe Conkling. ((This coming from the same person who several issues ago told me not to blame religion for its past faults!!!!!!))

But the bottom line is this: As the Old East fades into its sunset, the West and the South are Where It's At. Cling to all that old stuff, guys: it's all you're likely to get. Meanwhile, we're still growing and moving forward. Don't worry: we still love you and we'll help out as your situation gets worse. New York? A nice museum piece, but who wants to live there?

((Surely you jest Rod. There just isn't any comparison between Calif and NY. Ethnic variety? Ethnic variety!! Hahahahahaha! Weather? At least when I go outside I don't have to slice my way through the smog like they do in L.A.! Population trends? Oh wow, like, I wish I could be a Val too, 'cause that would be like, totally awesome fur sure! Let's talk about things to do and places to go. What other state can offer skiing, museums (the best museums), Broadway, Studio 54, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, the Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center, Yankee Stadium, the Empire State Building etc. etc. etc.? Sure it costs a lot. You pays yer money and you gets yer reward. NY is the place to be. The South? Yaaawwww. And California/the West? Forget it.))

From Kevin Stone - Grove City, PA:

Just thought I'd drop you a line about the last **Anduin**. I just hope this letter is printed in one place. I hate it when you cut letters into categories. What have others said about this practice?

In case nobody has told you, the job market sucks right now. I've gotten 19 rejection letters so far. I should be able to wallpaper my room with them soon.

I've never thought you were picking on me Eric. When I write to you, I know the letter might be published. If other people (including you) want to disagree with my views, go right ahead. I enjoy hearing what other people have to say. What I would **not** tolerate however, would be a personal attack on me (questioning my integrity, for instance). I don't expect everyone to believe what I believe, and by the same token, nobody should demand that I agree with them. That right to disagree has helped make this country into the greatest one on earth.

I saw nothing wrong with the U.S. invasion of Grenada. While he was running for president in 1980, Reagan said there would not be a hostage situation like the one in Iran while he was in office. If we had done nothing, there is a good chance that the students at the university would have been taken hostage.

Who ever claimed that our forefathers were high and holy? They were great men, but the key word is "men". They were fallible and did make mistakes. Who gives a shit if Jefferson slept with a slave? JFK slept with women other than Jackie while he was in office. As for someone writing speeches for Washington, so what? Almost all successful politicians have speech writers.

((From another letter)):

I was amused by Fred Davis' letter on the Shroud of Turin. In the January 1984 issue of **Reader's Digest** there is a report by Dr. John H. Heller, one of the scientists on the examination team. His study on fibers of the Shroud using x-ray fluorescence indicated there was presumptive evidence that the "bloodstains" were actually blood.

When McCrone gave his report he declared the "bloodstains" to be iron-oxide pigments. He was questioned by other team members:

"Dr. McCrone, how do you know those dots are iron-oxide?"

"Experience."

"Did you test them chemically?"

"I don't have to. Experience."

"How do you explain the X-ray fluorescence studies?"

"They must be wrong."

"Do you mean that you just looked into your microscope and, without doing specific tests for iron-oxide can proclaim it is a painting?"

"Yes."

McCrone's claim that the "bloodstains" were painted on is shaky at best. The ball is in your court, Fred.

It's time to make like a tree and leave. Catch you on down the road.

((Fred? Any comments? Good luck on the job market. I should hear from the colleges in about a week or t-t-two. I'm wondering about your integrity though, Kevin, and I'm thinking of unleashing a personal attack on you sometime soon! I'm sure your comment on Grenada will draw a lot of attention. Tune in next issue. As for Washington, the difference is that Hamilton had him in his proverbial hip pocket. It was as if he were president.))

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That which follows is a small section containing letters pertaining to Ken Halpern's letter in the last issue of Anduin. Writing in double-parentheses is that of Halpern, not Eric Kane, as in the rest of the lettercol.

From Steve Hutton - London, Ontario, Canada:

Olsen's letter was hilarious. He did make one little mistake, however: The "foolish consistency" quote is from Ralph Waldo Emerson, not George Bernard Shaw.

Now for the meat of the letter: my response to Ken Halpern's letter. He says, "Truth is not absolute, it is relative. Each person has their own world view, and for them that is truth." What happens when two beliefs are mutually inconsistent (e.g. the belief that the world is flat, and the belief that it is an oblate spheroid)? He says that one should "allow for others' realities", but there is no way Francis Drake could 'allow for the reality' that he did not circumnavigate the world, but fell off the edge and was eaten by a sea monster! Mr. Halpern suggests that a consensus (agreement of most people) is absolute truth. That is, if the majority believes something, it is true. Thus, the world **was** flat, but became an oblate spheroid when the majority ceased to believe that it was flat. Similarly, this letter will end abruptly if the majority comes to believe that my typewriter is a fish. Such is Mr. Halpern's silly putty world of subjective truth. ((My apologies, Steve. When I read your letter, I thought to myself "What a fool! He has obviously not even bothered to read what he is criticizing, since I included a sentence in my letter stating that none of this applies to physical truths, only moral truths, though most physical truths are relative in their own way." However, upon review of my letter, I discover that I did in fact, neglect to put in that all-important sentence. Of course, most of the readers of this "zine (whose minds are above silly- putty level) possessed the modicum of perspicacity

necessary to realize that what I was saying did not apply to the physical functioning of the universe. **Science** is consensus, but not physical truth. I am truly sorry, Mr. Hutton, that you lacked the common sense necessary to respond to my letter intelligently, and I am a bit peeved that you were personally insulting as well. At any rate, people, the contents of Mr. Hutton's letter, from the words "my response" to "world of subjective truth" are irrelevant debris and should be disregarded.)

In morality, as in truth, Mr. Halpern is a subjectivist. ((No, Steve.)) Murder is wrong because "it is almost universally accepted that murder is wrong". Thus, if it were almost universally accepted that murder were right, murder would be right. Mr. Halpern, though, is confident that "such a thing (as the legalization of selective murder) would simply never occur". It seems to me that (i.e. it is my subjective truth that) such a thing has occurred! In Nazi Germany, selective murder was legal. If some subjectivist smuglet objects that the Nazi platform was not supported by the German people, I would remind him that the Nazis received 44% of the popular vote (quite impressive in a multi-party-race) and had made no secret of their platform. I would also remind him that the Nazis were widely considered a party of morality, and that they were well supported on university campuses.

At first thought, one might assume that a subjectivist would be pretty lenient on criminals. How can you justify a severe punishment for someone who may or may not have done something (truth is subjective) that may or may not have been wrong (morality is subjective)? But Mr. Halpern is no bleeding heart. To anyone who dares violate the value systems of most people, Mr. Halpern offers death. ("Hitler deserved death because he violated the value systems of almost all of humanity...", emphasis added) Oscar Wilde, whose homosexuality "violated the value systems of almost all of humanity", should be glad he only got a couple of years at hard labour.

Let me summarize the philosophy put forth in Mr. Halpern's letter. Anything the majority believes, however ridiculous, is true. ((I have already refuted that)) Anything that the majority thinks is right, no matter how monstrous, is right. And, if the majority ever believes (by definition, their belief is correct) that someone has done something the majority dislikes (by definition, it is wrong), the death penalty can justly be imposed.

I'd recommend that Ken read The Ominous Parallels, by Leonard Peikoff. It's subtitled "The End of Freedom in America", because the "ominous parallels" are between the philosophy of pre-Nazi Germany and of the U.S. today. Subjectivism, as put forth by Ken, played a part in preparing the Germans for Hitler.

I certainly don't mean to suggest that Ken is a Nazi supporter, just that anyone who accepts Ken's philosophy is defenceless against Nazism. When a Hitler says, "There is no such thing as truth, either in the moral or in the scientific sense", a subjectivist argue? When a Hans Frank says, "Formerly, we were in the habit of saying: this is right or wrong; today, we must put the question accordingly: What would the 'Führer' say?", what is the subjectivist's reply? The best a subjectivist can do is feebly argue that it is better to select a group (the majority)

than to select an individual. Such a trifling distinction is not enough to support any real resistance to Nazism.
((Hmmm. Well, Steve, I see where you could misunderstand my letter and respond as you did. So, I'll try not to be as personal as you were, while I tear apart your argument.

Let me start from the beginning. A long time ago, on a planet we're all very familiar with, there was green soup. This green soup, a small puddle of proteins, was the beginning of life on Earth. It gradually evolved into higher forms of life (I realize that this is extremely oversimplified), the purpose of all of which was propagation. Organisms such as protists acted independently of each other, each individual trying to survive and reproduce on its own. As more intelligent species evolved, they began to 'pay more attention to each other'. Loose social structures and pecking orders formed, and lo and behold, these tendencies had adaptive value, and were selected for. Yay, and they grew more common, because a species which manifested this tendency was more able to survive, and thus, reproduce and perpetuate its tendency. And greater intelligence was also selected for until one day, Evolution said "Let there be homo sapiens!" Homo sapiens formed a very complex social structure which required complex rules so that homo sapiens would not kill each other and the species would survive and procreate. Since "complex rules so that homo sapiens would survive and procreate" is a mouthful, they were called "ethics" for short. "Gasp!", exclaimed a number of h. sapiens when presented with this ego-bruising theory, "How dare you suggest that we might not be , God's little pearls of wonderfulness - His gift to existence!" ("God", for those of you who are not familiar with Earth mythology, is the name of the Supreme Being, the non-existent focal point of a number of Earth religions) In short, Mr. Hutton, ethics/morality is an adaptive device of the species homo sapiens.

What I was saying in my piece in issue #29 of Anduin was that for human society to function, we must have some kind of common ethical base on which to operate it. Inherent in maintaining the integrity of this society and the dignity of its individual members is consideration of the beliefs of every member to be of equal value. I'm afraid I must submit to you that there is no absolute truth which states that murder is wrong. Indeed, we engage in the murder of other species quite frequently, and we do not question the morality of one lion killing another that has encroached upon his territory, or of that same lion killing a zebra for food.

The dominant part of the human brain is the neo-cortex which, among many other things, houses cerebration and social concern, the rough equivalent of Freud's super-ego. The raw material is there (variable with individual genetic makeup and influenced greatly by environmental factors) in every human being to accept a set of ethics and conform to a social structure.

The part of your argument dealing with Nazism is spurious. You say that my "subjectivist" views would permit Nazism to flourish. Exactly the opposite is true. Relative to me, Nazism is wrong. I would work against it with every fiber of my existence, but I would always keep in mind the right of my opponents to hold their views. I would never persecute them for

their politics, I would simply seek to prevent a form of government from being implemented that I do not agree with, as we all have the right to do. It is your view of an absolute right and wrong, Mr. Hutton, that would be more likely to lead to totalitarianism.

The only somewhat logical point made in your letter, in my opinion, was the contention that selective murder was legalized in Nazi Germany. This, too, however, falls apart upon closer scrutiny. The circumstances surrounding what occurred in the Third Reich cannot be ignored. The country had been defeated and had suffered national humiliation in a recent war. The war was the bloodiest in history to that date, and the victors in the conflict exacted an (extremely) inordinately heavy price in money and national pride at Versailles. A democratic republic in Germany (the first there in a long time) was utterly ineffectual and the country was plunged into deep depression. A charismatic leader and brilliant rose to the forefront, tapping German nationalism as a source of power, and absolving the nation from blame by shifting the onus of culpability onto the shoulders of a highly successful, traditionally hated minority group. With all this, selective murder was not legalized. The Jews were not considered human beings, but vermin, and each ethnic group other than "Aryans" was ranked beneath the "Master Race" in order. They were killed because they were (unjustifiedly, of course) not viewed as people, but as deleterious influences to be eradicated. I'm certainly not defending the conditions that prevailed in Nazi Germany. Rather, I am explaining why this unique state of affairs arose. Even in the most brutal, abhorrent state in the history of mankind, "selective murder" per se was not legal. In addition, the Nuremberg trials after the war represented global revulsion and determination that such a national crime would never again be perpetrated.

You quoted me as saying that "Hitler deserved death because he violated the value systems of almost all of humanity..." I refuse to believe that you did not realize that that statement was tied to the the sentence before it, and that you inadvertently quoted me completely out of context. What preceded the above quote was "I support...respect for the beliefs of others, a view which is certainly in opposition to the destruction of one's fellow human beings." Though somewhat poorly (or should I say "vulnerably") expressed, what I meant was that he deserved death for the crime of murder, the ultimate violation of another human being, and for the magnitude and manner of his slaughter. The ball's in your court, Steve.)

((Eric here. I seem to agree with much of what Ken said. My only disagreement is where did Steve get personal? Oh sure, I'm used to Mr. Hutton's system of taking something and twisting it about to suit him and make his arguments seem incredibly clever, but I didn't see him slinging any mud per se. Anyway, this seems to be the making of an interesting discussion, and I look forward to it.))

"You will never find a more wretched hive than Xenogogic"

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This is an interesting time. Things seem quieter to me on the hobby front than has historically been the case, although this may be colored by my forced winding down as far as subs and hobby activity/contact goes. I'm more concerned about the ongoing happenings in the fledgling USFL than any hobby issue, which says a lot. There, I'm looking forward to a real laugh when Marcus DooPiss goes out for his first game as a "pro": it will be a real joke to see what happens when he gets hit by pros, cussed out by pros, piled on by pros, and just can't see his dear old sweet mommy for a day or two away at a time. I'll give him a week and a half before he walks away there just like he did here at OU. Hell, that shithead couldn't even stick it out at that pressure-cooker school, Souhtern Mississippi: how's a turkey like that going to make it in the pros? He won't make a month.

Politics is a real joke too. Although I am disappointed in the showing of my first choices, Jackson and Glenn respectively, it's a real laugh to see Mondale with all of his AFL-CIO money and workers and every lobby group in the country (well, not NCPAC I guess, but..) backing him, but the Demo voters leaving him back in the dust. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy. He wouldn't even make a good veep. Heck, maybe Hart will select Jackson, my man, as veep on HIS ticket! Wouldn't that be a laugh? Fluff Shaffer brought up a couple of good points: if that happened, 1) would Hart survive to the Nov elections, or would a black pick him off without waiting? and 2) If the guy couldn't wait, would Jackson automatically be the Demo presidential candidate, or would they really piss off the dark community and re-select? Best scenario: Hart-Jackson ticket upsets Reagan and wins. Then, I take out a 90-day, million dollar insurance policy on Hart, quickly. Then, some cat figures, "hey, baby, what's dis one-heart-beat-away shtuff?" Jackson becomes Pres, and I'm a millionaire...

Serious stuff: Steve Heinowski's TER-RAN #87 (12034 Pyle, Oberlin OH 44074) had a piece in it discussing computer net dipgames, supporting them in part by saying that computer printing or GMing doesn't make any difference, but the mode of distribution (ie, a zine over a screen image) does. That makes sense (meaning I agree), esp as no one cares if you use a computer to print your zine or even adjudicate your moves (and depending on the GM, you might well prefer it that way); but this TV screen "postal Dip" is a farce as far as comparability. Steve concludes with this:

"So then, I feel if Russel Sipe produces a legitimate zine which is required by the players to play the game, then it is a legitimately rateable game, providing all other normal rules and requirements are met."

Sure its rateable; it's a postal game. But when you get your results on your TV screen (or whatever the hell those things do), that's not postal Dip. Steve

had this note added also, excerpted from a letter to me:

A 10-year game here ((in TER-RAN)) will run 2 years—the one game on 1 week deadlines = $\frac{1}{2}$ year. There's a heck of a lot of difference there too (You could ev en say 2-week deadlines aren't ~~normal~~) What I object to is a 10 year game being played in 20 days--no matter what they say, that's "local". However, that game is a lot more fair than playing in a 4 week deadline with one clown on the phone every other day. At least on a net everybody is equal; broke, and equal.

As for it being the coming thing, no doubt. PBM gaming is pretty much a white-MC thing and that's the new PC field's human base. You can join a net for under \$1000, about what JC/KB spend a month for their phone (No big deal for those with jobs). Even I have joined to some degree—I own one but no dip yet. Too much \$ to hook mine up and play that way. I can remember Dipdom as it was, which means but one thing—we're getting old.

((Getting? Right, I'll tell myself I still have a ways to go. You make a good point about the quickie game, although I would add an additional objection to the whole format: it is, after all, little different from a FTF game, with people in different rooms. I hear a lot about phone games, phone nuts, etc., but have never come across it. I had a few co-players once or twice call a time or two each season, but not often and not for long. I'd just tell them flat out that I don't like using the phone. Even people who always write and say, "Here's my number" over and over: I can ignore it easy, and do. If I ever ran into a hardcore nut, I think I'd just hang up on him. No threat in the game: it would seem to be easy to turn everyone against him, and when he's out, go on with a normal game at that time.

I'd just give these computer "Dip" games that request Boardman numbers to the MNC, and let the screen freaks take "pride" in their "own" numbers. And the hell with it.

Thanks for your views.)) *S.M.*

JOHN DALY (Dogs of War)

(excerpt)

A lot of bad press is being given to lawyers lately, and I have to say it's deserved. But it's not all their fault. The legal system allows their nonsense, and even promotes it. I like to think that I would defend myself in court if the occasion ever arose, but that would cost too many "brownie points" with the judge. I've been in court, and from what I've seen, people with lawyers fare better than those without.

Taint proper.

((True. There should not be lawyers at all. You err in saying it's not their fault though: it IS their fault. They ARE the legal system. They wrote the laws, they passed them, they process enforcement, they set their own "standards", and we see the results. We have a "justice" system that enriches attorneys, but accomplishes NO other positive objective, and does accomplish many negative objectives. Criminal laws exist, but, how many criminals suffer its consequences? Damn few of the lot. How many victims are helped? Damn near none, but many are harmed, by legal costs on top of the original damages, all for little or no positive result at all. How many criminals are free? How many attorneys are rich? How many citizens are well served and protected by our system of justice? How many citizens are robbed worse in court than on the street? The answers tell it all.)) *S.M.*

Then there's JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia)

I wonder what you'd think of me after you met me. I mean, would I meet the high

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Caruso, continuing

opinion you have of me, or would I be higher in person?

I notice you never plug my new subzine FATHER KNOWS LESS in CATHY'S RAMBLER. Afraid of the competition from a Real Subzine? ((Hah! ESAD is my only competition!)) *J.71.*

Don Del Grande doesn't know what's good. You can send me the color pictures ((of Scott and Frauke and friend)), I'll make sure they see print, poor or not.

Did you hear that Larry Peery is supposed to be fat? I think he should go on a diet. And I have just the thing. I found a box of these over at Woody's house during my *Berch Spring Mission* visit to WoodyCon. They work for Woody, they should work for Larry. Enclosed is the end of the box I tore off: AYDS diet candy.

In NY, we have a new saying. Its our expression for electrocuting a killer--guess what its called? Cook a Crook!

Did you see Berch's recent DD editorial on Peeribashing? What a joke--he criticizes us for Peeribashing, then proceeds to ByrneBashing, Caruso Stomping, Michalski Mincing, and SacksStroking. Peery's not such a bad guy--he's a strange person, and his ideas usually suck, but he means well. But so did Attila the Hun.

Did you find a job yet? You should try fast food restaurants. They are usually looking for middle-aged management types to run a chain store. Pay is fair, hours stink, but the work is easy. Plus you can eat for free. Besides, its a job. You might even get a quickie in the back room from one of the teenie waitresses. What more could you ask for?

((As Han Solo once said, "I don't know, I can imagine quite a bit!" Actually, although the hours do stink, pay is less than fair, more like shitty, and no, they are not looking for middleaged management types. I know, I applied at a few of them. No, they're looking for young punks on the make: someone inexperienced who does not know how shitty it is to work 5AM-2PM and 4PM-8PM 6½ days a week, for \$14,-15,000. The young punk types (like the interviewers) should at best be hustlers, who will show a lot of enthusiasm for 3-4 months, working hard for nothing until they wise up and realize it is they who are being hustled. That's why there's always openings. A few, of course, know what a scam it is, so they play the part for a couple of weeks, then steal enough inventory and embezzle the deposits for a month or two until they're fired, hopefully coming out ahead. Of fast food managers, most were selling Encyclopedia Britannica last month, and will be selling used cars next month, except for the desperate and the assholes--Iranians, e.g.--who are filling up so many pizza stores here and the like. At least you are right about the food, and porking an occasional teenybopper eager for 6 hours overtime earned in 25 minutes. Anyhow, I've got this state job now, and altho the travelling can get old, the income is steady, and the low pay will build up over time. And the state capitol won't blow away when and if the road out front gets closed for 10 weeks. Can Arby's or Pancake House say the same?

Cook-A-Crook--cute. Too bad all we have these days are cute cliches. What we need are mass roundups and swift executions: known Mafiosos, repeat felons, illegal aliens, welfare cheats, attorneys, ACLU members, and similar scumbags. Then when they're gone, we can get back to due process. Now we have only process, with no one getting what's due them. So we have a massive purge to correct that, and then we'll be back on an even keel. Plus, liberals will tread more cautiously in the future.

What would I think of you if I met you? Come on, John! Hell, you should know your hobby reputation is as high as it is only because no one hardly ever meets you. Keep up the good work this Labor Day by staying in Flushing for No·John·ConIII!)) *J.71.*

Just a little space left. In the weeks since I started this, a little new has happened. Marcus Dupree was given a couple of walk-in touchdowns (and quickly pulled out before his feelings could get hurt) in early USFL games, trying to pump up his 3d grade ego. If they continue to pamper and shelter him, he might make the whole season. Maybe.

But I wouldn't count on it.



FOOT IN MOUTH

ISSUE #3

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This is issue #3 of the newest roving subzine, FII, put out by the one, the only, crusader for the people, John Caruso 160-C 43rd Avenue, Bushwick, NY. 11358, and if you dare wish to call me, the phone number is 212-353-9695. You could always call my good, close friend John Caruso, and he will forward the message to me. If you care to submit anything for print to this roving subzine, send it to me, and please specify, if you have a wish, where you might want your piece to appear. These FII's do not run any kind of sequence, however, if you want to know where they appear, send me a SASE and I'll make a list for you, or send a request for which ones you have missed, and I'll send them to you if you like.

The theme of this issue will be feuding. I am also going to do something I don't plan to do often in FII, I'm going to print the reprinted plug that was circulated for the newest zine that's been going around, and my comments on it thereafter. That's about the fairest way I can give the other side the correct say in what I intend to say. So take it away Dan Wilson of Texas.....

*****FUEDIST IS HERE*****

YES, THE ZINE YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR HAS FINALLY MADE ITS WAY TO PUBLICATION. THE FUEDIST HAS BEEN MANY MONTHS IN THE MAKING, BUT HAS NOT BEEN PUT OUT FOR PUBLIC READING DUE TO LACK OF COMPUTER ACCESS TIME. LUCKILY THAT HAS CHANGED.

MANY OF YOU MAY BE ASKING, JUST WHAT IS FUEDIST. WELL, IT IS A ZINE DEDICATED STRICTLY TO THE HOUSING OF HOBBY FUEDS. MANY PUBLISHERS DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE FUEDS IN THEIR ZINES FOR FEAR OF CATCHING SOME OF THE MUD BEING SLUNG AROUND. MY ROLE AS PUBLISHER OF FUEDIST WILL BE JUST THAT--PUBLISHER. I WILL NOT EDIT ANY OF THE CONTEXT, NOR WILL I TAKE SIDES IN ANY MATTER. IF TWO OR MORE PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY MUST PUBLICLY CASTIGATE EACH OTHER WITHIN THE HOBBY, THEN LET THE FUEDIST BE THE MEDIUM THEY USE. ONE WORD OF WARNING THOUGH--ANY MATERIAL USED IN FUEDIST WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHOR AND THE AUTHOR'S ESTATE! (CHUCKLE!)

THE SUBSCRIPTION TO FUEDIST WILL BE SIX DOLLARS (\$6.00) A YEAR. I DO PLAN TO ALLOW TRADES WITH OTHER PUBLISHERS IF THEY SO WISH. IF YOU, AS A PUBLISHER, DO NOT WISH TO TRADE, AND WILL INCLUDE IN THE NEXT TWO ISSUES OF YOUR ZINE A STRONG MENTION OF FUEDIST AND WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT, I WILL CREDIT YOU WITH TWO FREE ISSUES OF FUEDIST.

YES, THIS ZINE IS MEANT TO BE A REPLACEMENT FOR "BB", BUT I PLAN TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER! (PRETENTIOUS BASTARD, AREN'T I?) IN ANY EVENT, IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING.

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I DO HOPE TO SEE HEAVY PUBLICITY OF FUEDIST WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, AND BELIEVE THAT IT WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY INTERESTING ZINE. ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

John here. Let's face it, Dan means well. He feels that by publishing a zine that carries only feuds, that the mud-slinging in other zines will cease. He is wrong. It has been my experience that giving someone a place to feud, only adds fuel to the fire, and spreads the damned thing. Why stop in the one zine? Hell, if I can get coverage in here, why not try everywhere? No, printing feuds and giving publicity to them is not the way to keep it out of the other zines, and nothing is ever accomplished by feuding. All it is, is built up hatred being released and usually, the one doing the attacking is hurt as much if not more, than the one being assaulted. Most people just don't want to hear about the feuding, or the dirty little gossip stories that some doped-up shit heads want to spread. I'm sorry if I'm offending anyone with my language but I'm damned upset. Feuding never solved any problems, all they do is prolong them and embed an eternal bitterness and dislike, and possibly hatred. Yeah, I've had my own feud or 2, and my own meddling, trying to stop or end or calm down a feud. But giving the feuders a place to air their anger, and a place to have an audience is not the answer.

I don't know what the answer is, but common sense tells me that the way to stop feuding is not to promote it. Sure, there will be some people who will try to print this editorial as an attack, or as nonsense. Maybe it is, but think hard and long. It takes a certain type of person that feels that feuding is correct, or good. You have to be looking for trouble to want to feud. Yeah, sometimes feuds make interesting reading. SO ETIQUETTE and most of the time, feuds get boring to read, especially those that are drawn out over years. Its just the same old shit, from the same old source. There is no problem too big that can't be resolved with a little bit of understanding, and discussion.

Now, if Dan's new zine were to take a difference and discuss it in a rational fashion, that would be a start towards airing the problem, while still not engrossing in all the namecalling, and mudslinging that usually accompanies a feud. Sure, sometimes we get fed up and do things that we later regret, like namecalling, writing this editorial, etc. But feuding generally helps no one, and unless you prove beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the person you are crucifying is a creepy crook, a thief, or some other form of low-life, you will probably hurt your own reputation as much if not more, just by showing that ugly side of you- the side that wants to feud.

I'm sorry that this is not the sort of heavy publicity you were probably looking for Dan. But I don't like feuding, and the majority of people in this hobby feel the same way, I'm sure. I didn't join to see if I could attack someone's character, or to cause trouble. I entered Dipdom to enjoy myself and have a good time, and to occupy some of my spare hours. And anyone who wishes to feud should go start their own Feud and hate hobby and leave those who want to enjoy diplomacy to us. There are enough things that arise that cause differences, without having to have feuding too.

I'm sorry Dan, I have not been waiting for a feud publication. I'd much prefer another good, non-feuding zine to read. We have enough feud-oriented zines in print already. And too many people trying to feud with others, either anew, or renewed feuds.

PDORA II: Please don't forget to send any info of anything you wish to auction off in the next PDO Auction to Mike Mills 26 Laurel Rd Slootsburg NY 10974 by April 1. The auction will then take place in the ensuing 2 months, with the proceeds going to the needy Dipdom services. Check out your information zines for flyers and announcements, and support a Dipdom service today.

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Winter, 1910: Russia builds F St.P(nc) & A War. Turkey builds A Con & F Smy.

"Spring, 1911"

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!

France (Chisholm): F Nao-

NWG; F NTH S A Hol;
A Bel-RUH; A BUR &
A HOL S A Bel-Ruh; F For-
MID; F Spa(sc)-WES;
F LYO S F Spa(sc)-Wes;
A PIE-Tyr; A MAR S A Bur.

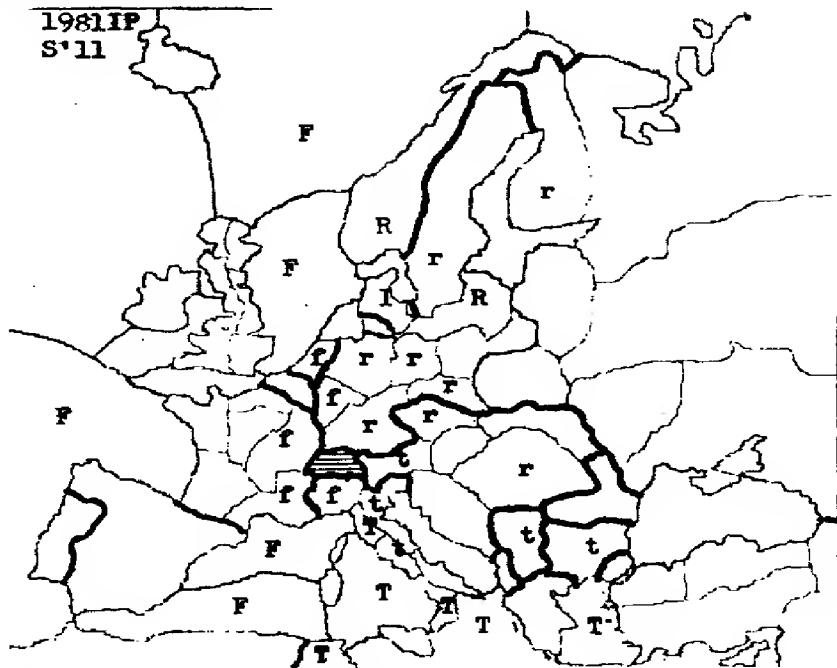
Italy (Palter): F DEN S
AUSTRIAN A Kie.

Austria (Frueh): A Kie S
ITALIAN F Den.

Russia (Byrne): A Ruh-Hol;
A Mun-KIE; A BER & F BAL
S A Mun-Kie; F St.P(nc)-
Nwy; A SWE S F St.P(nc)-
Nwy; A Nwy-FIN; A Sil-
MUN; A Gal-BOH; A War-
SIL; A BUD H.

Turkey (Nadaner): A Tri-TYR;
A VEN S A Tri-Tyr; A Bul-
SER; A Con-BUL; F Smy-
AEG; F Aeg-ION; F Ion-
TUN; F Nap-TYN; F Tyn-
TUS; A ROM S F Tyn-Tus;
F Apu-NAP.

1981IP
S'11



The Austrian A Kie and Russian A Ruh are both dislodged and annihilated. Thanks to the Nixon Award Winner PPP Frueh for finishing the Austrian position (and 2 free issues!). There are several proposals to vote on for next season: R/T, R/F/T, R/F, F/T, and F/T/R. This is a non-DIAS game.

PRESS:

Queen_Kathy-Cedarhurst: No, it is not time yet - sit tight.

Mark-Queen_Kathy: Why do I feel that you like the idea of wiping me out? Normally everyone enjoys a good poison pen in their game. (right GM?)

Queen_Kathy-Kiel: I hope you won't take this personal, but you see once Eric left I had no reason to keep Austria alive! Eric was my good puppet. Blame it on Derwood - everything should be blamed on old Booper!

Cedarhurst-Flushing: Listed below you will find the Aurelian game start info - as all other routes to you seem blocked by mail eating monsters hopefully this will work (I'm trying five routings this week).

A: Larry McCloud; E: Marvin Baker; F: Bob Slossar; G: Lowell Cantor; I: William Lowe; R: Holly Rubinstein; T: Robert Von Bergman. Hopefully this will resolve the matter & I can just go back to being a little known GM instead of a cause for a call by an "official investigator" plus a "do not print or quote from" poison pen letter from a fan of yours.

Cedarhurst-Great_Neck: Thanks for your help. I'm sure no harm was meant by anyone, but this was getting out of hand.

Great_Neck-Cedarhurst: No prob. I've sent the sheet you enclosed with the rest of the info on Aurelian to Kathy along with this issue.

Queen_Kathy-Frueh: I was tempted to keep you in this game so I could annoy you like I do in KK!

Queen_Kathy-France: Aren't you glad that I didn't keep Quirk in the game to annoy you?

France-World: I proposed the R/T and R/F/T draws, and intend to vote yes on both. If the R/T draw is defeated presumably one of you, Glenn or Kathy, doesn't want it. If you don't, please get in touch with me!

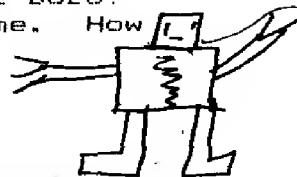
Russian_Ice_Queen-Dearly_Departed_England: You were right about one thing, they should've finished me off when they had the chance!

Russia-France: I really don't like you writing to my ally! Can't you lose his address?

Russia-Turkey: If you NMR we could be in big trouble, so please get your moves in!

Russia-GM: You didn't print 9T4's picture - get with it Bozo!

9T4-Hal: Our rude GM forgot to draw my picture last time. How can we be friends if you don't know what I look like!



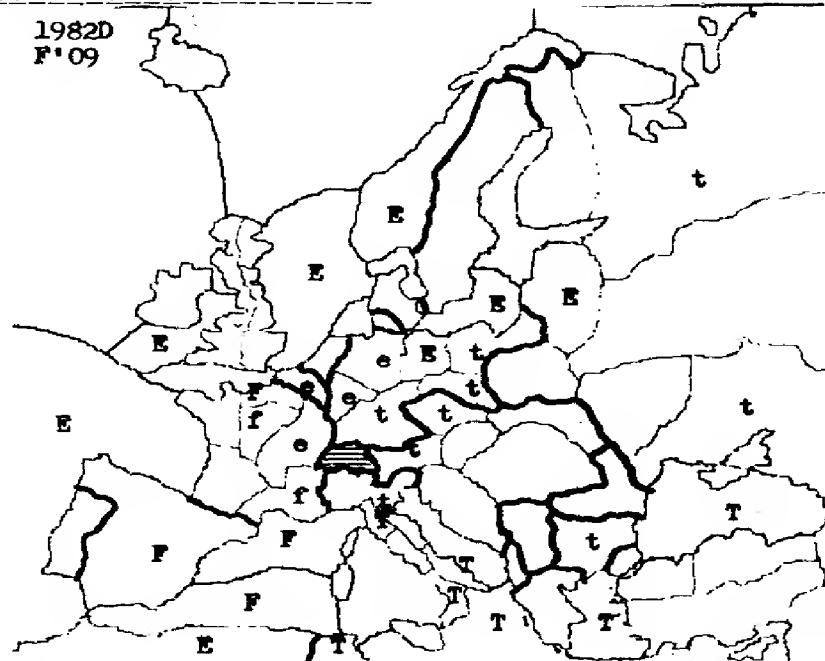
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1982D

TURKEY WINS!!!!!!

England (Anderson): F Eng-NTH; F Nth-NWY; F Kie-BER; A Bel-RUH; A Pic-BEL; F Nao-MID; F Mid-N.AF; F IRI S F Nao-Mid; A_Mun_S_E_Kie-Ber; A BUR S A Mun; F St.P(sc)-LVN; F BAL S F St.P(sc)-LVN.

France (Brachman): F_LYO-Tyn; F_Tun_S_F_Lyo-Tyn; A_MAR-Pie; F_SPA(sc)-Mar; F_Bre-PIC; A PAR S F_Bre-Pic.

Turkey (Brawner): F Tyn-TUN; F_NAP-Tyn; F_APU-Nap; F_IUS-Lyo; A_VEN-Pie; F_AEG-Con; F_BLA-Con; A_BUL-Con; A_Arm-SEV; A_Mos-ST.P; A_Lvn-PRU; A_Gal-SIL; A_Sil-MUN; A_BOH & A_TYR S A_Sil-Mun; F_ION S F Tyn-Tun.



1982D continued:

Thanks to Dave Anderson for assuming the English position.

The French F Tun retreats to Wes and the English A Mun retreats to Kie for endgame purposes. Here is the 1909 supply center chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, Hol, Bel, St.P, Kie, Ber, Mun (10).

France: Home, Spa, Por, Tun (5).

Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Bud, Vie, Nap, Rom, Ven, Sev, Mos, War, ST.P, MUN, TUN (19). Wins!!!

PRESS:

England-GM: Unless Turkey NMRs, this game is over. Oh well, thanks. It was fun being here!!!

Constantinople: Victory party - everyone invited!!!!

Congratulations to Jack Brawner. He becomes the second player to win a game in Anduin and the first to do so with Turkey. Here are the endgame statistics:

1982D Anduin (Eric Kane):

Austria: Larry McCloud(dro F'07); Kevin Stone (out F'08).

England: Richard Carl(dro S'09); Dave Anderson.

France: Chuck Kaplan(dro S'05); Jon Brachman.

Germany: Rick Slaughter(dro S'05); Ken Corbin(out F'05).

Italy: Don Scheifler (out F'07).

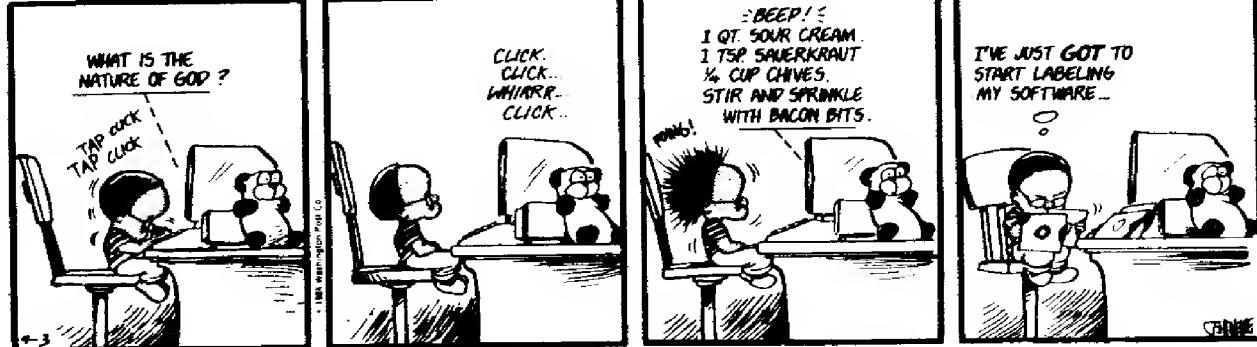
Russia: Ernest Hakey(out F'06).

Turkey: **Jack Brawner** (win F'09)!

	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109
A:	5	7	8	10	11	7	2	0	-
E:	4	4	6	8	8	11	13	12	10
F:	5	6	6	6	5	4	5	6	5
G:	5	5	4	1	0	-	-	-	-
I:	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	-	-
R:	6	4	2	2	2	0	-	-	-
T:	4	5	6	6	7	11	14	16	19 wins!

Endgame statements should be submitted by the next deadline along with my comments. Hope you all enjoyed it. Good job Jack!

BLOOM COUNTY



1982HF

"Spring, 1907"

Winter, 1906: Germany removes F Bot; Russia builds A Mas & A War; Turkey builds F Smy & A Con.

SAIN T ROLAND TO RESCUE SAINT PETE! THE WEST IS A MESS!

England (Hakey): F Nrg-

CLY; E_ST_E(sc)-NwY;
E_DEN-Kie; F_Bre-ENG;
A_PAR-Buri E_LYO-Spa(sc);
E_GAS_S_F_Lyo-Spa(sc).

France (Brachman): A_MAR
Gast F SPA(sc)-Mid.

Germany (Makuc): A Ber-KIE;
A RUH S A Ber-Kie; A_BUR
S_ENGLISH_E_Lyo-Mar((nsa));
A Bel-HOL.

Italy (Palter): F Lvp-WAL;
F Nao-NRG.

Russia (Morris): A_MOS-St_P;
A_War-LVN; A_Fin-NWY;
F_SWE S_A_Fin-Nwy; A_Pru-
BER; A_GIL S_A_Pru-Ber;
A_MUN-Kie; A_BOH-Muo;
A_TUS-Ven.

Turkey (Frueh): A Con-BUL;
 F Smy-AEG; F Aeg-ION;
 F Ion-TUN; F Tun-N.AF;
 F Nap-TYN; F WES-Mid;
A_PIE_S_FRENCH_A_Mar
 ((otm)); A TRI-Ven.

No dislodgements this time. There is a proposal for an illegal R/T draw, so don't bother voting on it.
BPESSC

PRESS

Turkey-England: The season of doom falls on your monarchy. What can you expect when your country is in anarchy?

Mark-Roland: I'm trying to go to the Philippines, but the competition is very tough. James Wall thinks I'm crazy to want to go there. Who knows where I'll be working 6 months from now.

ANSWER: Actually, I hope you'll be as easy when I get to you.

This map shows the study area for the 1982 HF S'07 study. The area is divided into several counties, each outlined in black. The counties are labeled with abbreviations: I, R, E, T, F, G, and S. Within the county boundaries, specific sample locations are marked with letters: f, t, and ft. The letter f is located in the central part of the study area, t is in the lower center, and ft is in the lower left. The map also shows the state boundaries of Michigan and the Great Lakes.

1981KI

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A STALEMATE LINE...!

England (Chisholm): A Lvn-
MOS; A ST.P S A Lvn-Mos;
F BAR S A St.P; F NWG &
F BOT H; A Sil-WAR;
F Bal-PRU; F BER S F Bal-
Prus; A KIE S A Mun; A MUN
S FRENCH A Pie-Tyr; F Bel-
NTH.

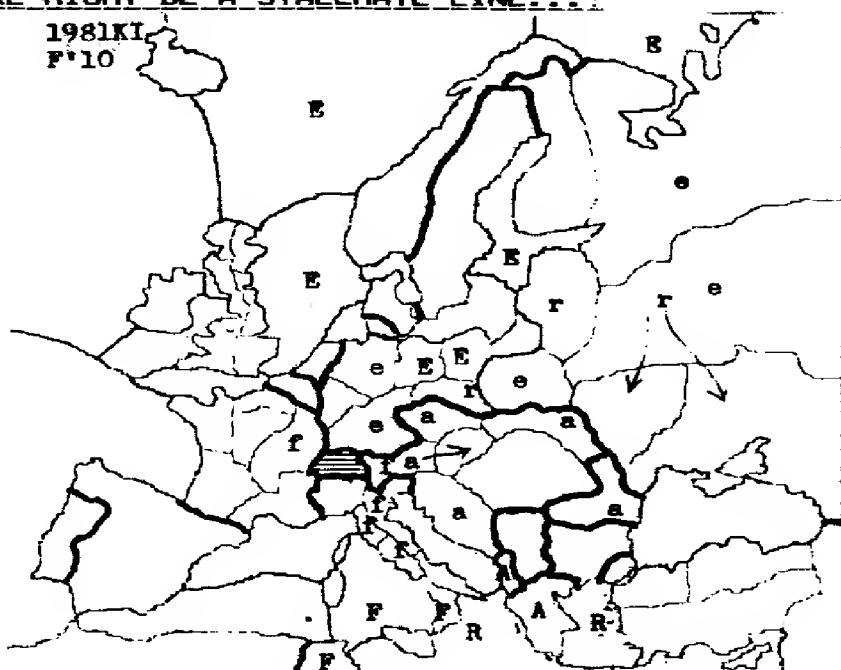
France (Hakey): A Pie-TYR;
A VEN S A Pie-Tyr; A ROM
& A TUS S A Ven; A BUR S
ENGLISH A Mun; F TYN-Ion;
F TUN & F NAP S F Tyn-Ion.

Austria (Murray): A Bud-RUM;
F Adr-ALB; A Vie-GAL;
A Tyr & A BOH S FRENCH
A Bur-Mun (Inso); F GRE S
RUSSIAN F Ion; A TRI S
A Tyr.

Russia (Corbin): F AEG S
F Ion; F ION H; A War-
LVN; A Mos-Lvn; A Sil-
Mun.

1981KI
F*10

"Fall, 1910"



The Austrian A Tyr retreats to Vie or OTB and the Russian A Mos may retreat to Ukr, Sev or OTB. Here is the 1910 supply center chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, Bel, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, St.P, MOS, WAR (14). Build 3 (1 anni).

France: Home, Spa, Por, Tun, Nap, Rom, VEN (9). Build 1.

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Ven, RUM (7). Even.

Russia: Sev, Mos, War, Con, Ank, Smy, Rum (4). Remove 1 (2 anni).

PRESS:

London-Vienna: We and our loyal French allies are determined to press on against your evil eastern alliance no matter what slanders you spread against us.

Vienna-Great Neck: Cut out all the letter bombs and stick to the games more. At least compromise somewhat and reduce the # of letters. One of my favorite zines was called "XANADU" which ran only games and press. It was put out by two Brown University guys in the mid-70's, but it folded when they graduated.

Great Neck-Vienna: It shouldn't bother you as long as I don't raise the price, no?

Great Neck-World: The price of Anduin will be going up due to... just kidding!

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"Spring, 1909"

Winter, 1908: England removes F Nrg & F Ska. Italy builds A Ven & F Nap. Russia builds A Sev.

ITALIANS PULL BACK BUT RUSSIANS TAKE NO CHANCES!

England (Ansoff): A Den-Yor; F NTH C A Den-Yor.

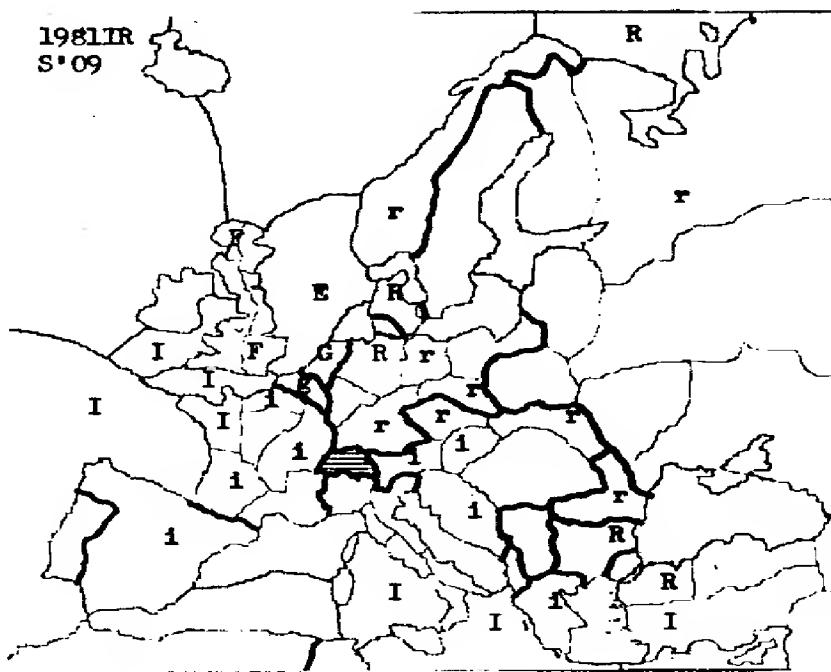
France (Martin): F LON-Yor; F Lvp-CLY.

Germany (Carter): F HOL S A Bel; A BEL S ITALIAN A Pic.

Italy (Kollmer): F Mid-IRI; F ENG S F Mid-Iri; F BRE S F Eng; A BUR-Bel; A PIC S A Bur-Bel; A Por-SPA; F Wes-MID; F Nap-TYN; F Gre-ION; A Ven-TRI; A Ser-GRE; F Con-SMY; A GAS-Bur; A TYR S A Vie; A VIE S A Tyr.

Russia (Furey): F Aeg-CON; F BUL(ec) S F Aeg-Con; A Sev-RUM; A War-GAL; F Swe-DEN; A Fin-ST.P; F BAR S A Nwy; A NWY H; F KIE S F Swe-Den; A BER S A Mun; A MUN S F Kie; A BOH S A War-Gal; A SIL S A Boh.

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The English A Den is annihilated.

PRESS:

Russia-Mad_Pope: Fool me once....

France-England: Do you want to give this game to anybody in particular? I do. Guess who?

England-France: It's true that the best of allies tire of fighting lost causes. However, what does that observation have to do with this game?

Germany-France: Switching to channel 17, OK?

Germany-England: I'm Canadian, I don't need an excuse to play bad.

Italy-Germany: I hope you enjoyed your stay in Belgium.

Germany-Rome: I'll vote to eliminate the GM. We can get Bruce Linsey to do it for us.

Germany-France: Good ol trustworthy Dick Martin strikes again eh? You and England should have no trouble at all communicating with such similar styles of play.

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"Spring, 1907"

Autumn, 1906: France retreats A Spa-Por. Austria retreats A Gal-Vie.

Winter, 1906: England builds F Edi, F Lon & F Lvp. China removes F Saigon. Austria builds A Cluj. Turkey builds A Ank. France removes F Siam Gulf.

CHINESE CALL OFF ATTACK JUST WHEN THEY COULD HAVE GAINED!!

England (Scheifler): F TOKYO-North_Pacific_Ocean; F KARAFUTO-

(11) North_Pacific_Ocean; F OMSK-Siberia; A MOSCOW-Sevastopol; F Edinburgh-NORWEGIAN SEA; F Liverpool-NORTH ATLANTIC; F London-ENGLISH; F English-MIDATLANTIC; F IRISH S F English-MidAtlantic; F Brest-GASCONY; F MidAtlantic-SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Germany (Hakey): A Gascony-MARSEILLES; A BURGUNDY S A Gascony-
(10) Marseilles; A PARIS S ENGLISH F Brest-Gascony; F Picardy-BREST; F BALTIC H and pray for sunny weather; A MUNICH-Tyrolia; A Galicia-Vienna; A BOHEMIA_S A Galicia-Vienna; A UKRAINA_S ENGLISH_A Moscow-Sevastopol; A SILISIA-Galacia

Italy (Keller): F PERSIAN_GULF-Baghdad; F ARABIAN SEA S F Persian
(10) Gulf-Baghdad; F Ionion-EASTERN MED; F Greece-AEGEAN SEA; F ALBANIA-Greece; A VENICE_S GERMAN_A Munich-Tyrolia; A APULIA & A TUSCANY S A Venice; A Libya-TUNIS; F Tunis-IONION SEA.

China (Nadaner): A TURKESTAN-Siberia; A Manchuria-VLADIVOSTOK;

(10) F Peking-MANCHURIA; A Tibet-SIKANG; A Nepal-TIBET; A Sikang-HANKOW; A Cambodia-ANNAM; A BURMA S INDIAN F Calcutta; A THAILAND_S FRENCH_F Siam_Gulf-Jobore((nsu)); F SOUTH_CHINA SEA-East_China_Sea.

Japan (Makuc): F Japan Sea-OKHTOSK SEA; F Philippines-SOUTH
(9) PACIFIC OCEAN; F NORTH_PACIFIC_S F Phi-SEO; F HIROSAKI-Tokyo; F CANTON-East_China_Sea; F TONKIN_GULF-South_China_Sea; F KOREA-East_China_Sea; F SPAIN((sc)) MS F WESTERN MED.

Austria (Anderson): A SEVASTOPOL-Ukraina; A ROMANIA-Ukraina;
(8) A Cluj-GALICIA; A VIENNA S A Cluj-Galacia; A TYROLIA-Bohemia; A TRIESTE-Venice; F ADRIATIC-Apulia; A BULGARIA-Greece.

India (Shuetz?): NMR!!! F's MALAYAN SEA, CELEBES SEA, CALCUTTA &
(6) A's DECCAN; DELHI & AFGHANISTAN U, H.

Turkey (Furey): A Ankara-ARMENIA; A BAGHDAD MS F IRAN; A Smyrna-SYRIA; F CON_S_AUSTRIAN_A_Bul_((otm)).

France (Dancause): F BORNEO H; A PORTUGAL-Spain; A Marseilles_S

(3) A Portugal-Spain.

The French A Marseilles retreats to Fie or OTB and the German A Gal retreats to War or OTB. The standby for India is John Chisholm, 119 Bay State Rd, Boston, MA, 02215. Need rules, John? See page 2 for Anderson's new address.

PRESS:

Turkey-Austria: I haven't heard from you lately, drop me a line or give me a buzz.

Austria-Germany: Your last press item seemed like a good excuse for an attack if it was true.

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"Fall, 1901"

WE ALMOST HAVE ALL THE NAMES STRAIGHTENED OUT!! MAPS SOON!!

Astalon (Hakey): A_MUN-Ber; A Arm-ANK.
Colenterates (Halepern): A Vie-TRI; A Ven-ROM.
Decipere (Scheifler): A EDI H; A Rom-NAP.
Desperation, State of ** (Hutton): A_GRE_S_UNTIED STATES_F_Bul(ec)
Edrank (Anderson): A GAS S A Spa; A SPA S A Gas.
Fourdor: (Larzelere): A_HOL-Kie; A_BER_S_A_Hol-Kie.
Hell Hath No Fury... (Furey): A_DEN-Swe; F POR H.
International Communist Conspiracy (Cameron): F_BEL-Nth; F_SWE_S
Untied States_A_Kie-Den((nso)).
Ken's Bar & Grill (Peel): F CON S Astalon A Arm-Ank; A BUD S
UNTIED STATES F Bul(ec)-Rum.
Oceania (Makuc): F_NWY_S_Hell_Hath_No_Furey... A_Den-Swe; F_LON-
Nth.
Pandemonium (Martin): A_LPL-Edi; A_MOS-War.
Polynisia ** (Felella): A WAR H; A TUN H.
Staples (Quirk): F In-AEG; F_ST.F(nc)-Nwy.
Trimanria (Murray): A_SER_S_Ken's_Bar_&_Grill_A_Bud-Tri((nso));
A_Rum-Bud.
Untied States (Lew): F Bul(ec)-RUM; A_KIE_S_ASTALON_A_Mun-Ber.
Zimbabwe (Stone): F_MID-Bre; A SMY S ASTALON A Arm-Ank.
** (Kollmer?): NMR!!! F BRE & F_Ank U, H.

Kollmer's F Ank is annihilated. Will John Chisholm please submit an order for F Bre (and a country name)? His address is on the last page. See page 2 for Anderson's COA. If there is ** after your country's name, you must change it to one with a different first initial than any other's. Trimanria may retreat Rum to Sev, Ukr, Gal or OTB. Here is the 1901 supply center chart:

Astalon: Sev?, Mun ANK (3). Build1 (or none).
Colenterates: Vie, Ven, ROM, TRI (4). Build 2.
Decipere: Rom, NAP, Edi (2). Even.
Desperation, State OF: Ser, Gre (1). Even (1 anni).
Edrank: Par, Mar, SPA (3). Build 1.
Fourdor: Hol, Ber (2). Even.
Hell Hath No Fury...: Por, Den (2). Even.
International Communist Conspiracy: Bel, Swe (2). Even.
Ken's Bar & Grill: Bud, Con (2). Even.
Oceania: Nwy, Lon (2). Even.
Pandemonium: Mos, Lpl (2). Even.
Polynisia: War, Tun (2). Even.
Staples: Nap, St.P (1). Remove 1.
Trimanria: Rum, SER, Ici, SEV? (1). Remove 1 (or even).
Untied States: Bul, Kie, RUM (3). Build 1.
Zimbabwe: Sea, Smy (1). Remove 1.
Kollmer: Ank, Bre (1). Even (1 anni).
PRESS: (Black)
Rom-Nap: I hope you trusted me again. Sorry, but one has to try for a pair of centers somewhere, and yours has the best chance of success.
Ank-Con: Thanks a lot, twit.
Mos-Sev: Is your name stupid? Or is it just your playing?
Greece-Serbia: Gulp!

London-Norway: A flailing we will go...oops!

Munich-Pandemonium: This game is pure Pandemonium. So why pick a name like that?

Untied_States: I see dots in front of my eyes.

I.C.C.-Untied_States: Untied States? Why not the United States?

Astalon-Zimbabwe: Kiss me on the lips, you great big, husky Diplomacy player, you!

Zimbabwe-Astalon: Kiss! Kiss!

Trimania-Astalon & Zimbabwe: Get away from me, you two! I want your aid not your AIDS.

Trimania-Button: Don't mind me, I'll be out by next spring.

Mos-War: Who are you and what do you want?

Daleks-Oceania: Prepare to be destroyed!

Monterv-Daleks: I have the Doctor on my side.

Pandemonium-Schiefler: I suppose that being stabbed by you runs in my family!

Jimmy_Carter-Zimbabwe: Boys, I need some help on my plantation. The cotton pickin' pay is peanuts but I'm a very kind massa.

Pandemonium: Wait a minute - Warsaw writes press, but no orders? Something is "funny" here. This game isn't black press, is it?

Pandemonium: "...and they charged into battle, their cries of 'DIAS!' ringing out to the sky...."

Jane_Fonda-Int._Commie_Conspiracy: My latest book is just what you need. It is called Jane_Fonda's_Gulag_Workout. After six weeks of my course you will be able to mine twice your quota of salt.

KGS-Eurey & Anderson: Go ahead, I really didn't like Spain anyway.

Stone-Hakey: Am I in or not?

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1982Qhp01 "Fall, 1890"

SAY, WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

England (Chisholm): F Iri-ENG; F Bis-AST; F Cad-VAL; A MAD & A NAV S F Cad-Val; F Por-CAD; F SAO S F Por-Cad; F MID S F Sao; A Gas -CAT.

Spain (Makuc?): NMR!!! F Albs & F MOR U, H.

Sweden (Charnley?): NMR!!! A's SIB, MOS, WAR, Sev, Ukr, COUR & F BAL U, H.

Germany (Wrobel): A Pie-TUS; A Swi-PIE; A TYR S A Swi-Pie; A BOH S A Vie; A VIE S A Tyr; A GAL-Rum; A MUN S A Tyr; F KIE H; A MAR S ENGLISH A Gas-Cat.

Italy (Shuettz?): NMR!!! F's Val, WES, LYO, SMY & A's LEV, ROM & VEN U, H.

Austria (Anderson): A Per-SEV; F BLA & F ARM S A Per-Sev; A_RUM-Ukr; A_CLU-Rum; A SER S A Clu-Rum; A_BUD-Gal; A_CRO-Bud; A SPL S A Cro-Bud.

The Swedish A Sev and Italian F Val retreat to the box. What's with you guys? Let's have Ernest Hakey stand by for Sweden and Phil Dancause for Italy. Jimmy, please throw in orders for Spain when you send your others, ok? Here is the 1890 supply center chart:

England: Home(3), Ire, Ice, Bre, Far, Por, Cad, MAD, VAL (11).
Build 2.

Spain: Mad, Mor, Mar (1). Remove 1 (1 anni).

Sweden: Home(3), Arch, Mos, St.P, War (7). Build 1 (1 anni).
Germany: Home(4), Hol, Bel, Den, Swi, Vie, MAR (10). Build 1.
Italy: Home(3), Tun, Egy, Smy, Val (6). Even (1 anni).
Austria: Bud, Spi, Clu, Gre, Bul, Mac, Con, Sin, Rum, Sev Per (11)
Will play short due to lack of room.

There is a proposal for a DIAS draw, please vote on it with your orders.

PRESS:

London: You know what I hate? I hate trying to fit regular size Dip pieces on that tiny excuse for a map Kane snott sent us!

England-GM: How'd ya like that, huh?

GM: Wonnerfull.

England-World: Who did the original version of "Crimson and Clover"? Who wrote the song?

England-Italy: Sorry, but if you don't write, what can you expect?

Austria-E, G, S, & I: How about a draw?

Austria-Germany: Yawn...stalemate in Austria...yawn...zzzzzz

Austria-Sweden: Broke your hand?

Macseilles: Having achieved our historic objective of a warm-water beach, we declare that we have no further territorial demands in Europe and would simply like to frolic in the surf unmolested.

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Well, I seem to have quite I bit of space left here. Sigh, it looks like what I said on page one is not going to come true.

At this point this is looking more and more like it will end up being 40 pages and thus a double issue. What Mark Luedi said is coming true. I have to find some sort of way to put on the brakes before the Anduin train flies off the track. We'll see what develops next issue.

The third quarter is over and I managed to maintain fairly high grades again. I now have AP tests to look forward to. I should be hearing from all the colleges within 10 days from now. I have already heard from Stonybrook (yes), U. Va (no) and Swarthmore (no). This of course worries me no end and my stomach is currently in knots. Somehow I feel the next two weeks are not going to be easy to live through, but so it goes. By the time you get the next issue, I will have made up my mind on what school I will be attending next year (if I have a choice to make!) so I guess I'll see you all then.

Kingmaker

Turn 5--1459

Siege Leaves Stafford Asking: "Where's the Fief?" War inevitable!

Jim Makuc's GREY'S GROUCHY GHOULS; Michael Quirk's POWER HUNGRY; Dave Anderson's WONDERLAND FACTION; Mark Murray's THORN IN THE ROSE.

Event Responses: Stafford to Leeds; Hastings to Black Heath; Fitzalan to Arundel.

Between Turns: Le Nicholas appears @ London. Margaret is transferred from Berkeley to Plantagenet/L.

Movement:

HOLDING: Courtenay @ Wakefield; Stanley @ Douglas; Le Trinity @ Ravenser.

Berkeley @ Preston-M22-M23-M24-M25-York (enters & seizes Richard). Cromwell @ Tattershall-H2-H24-M35-Towton.

Fitzalan @ Arundel-H52-H53-H54-H55-Leeds(c).

Grey @ Newark(c)-Nottingham-Coventry-Leicester-Grantham-Newark(c).

Hastings @ Black Heath-Leeds(c).

Mowbray, Neville, & Plantagenet/L @ Preston sail on. Le Margaret & Le Christopher.

Pole @ M39-M36-M32-M28-M23-M5.

Stafford @ Leeds-Rochester-Black Heath-H39-Farnham-H38.

Le Christopher & Le Margaret @ Preston-S3-S5-S7-S9-Milford Haven.

Le George @ Boston-S30-S29-S28-S27-S26.

Le Nicholas @ London-estuary-S26-Rochester.

Le Rose @ Preston-S3-S2-Douglas.

Combat: At Leeds, Fitzalan & Hastings lay siege to the castle. The card is: Scots Raid-Warden to Bamburgh/5-4, Berkeley, Grey. The castle falls to the invaders and both of them remain on the commons.

Crown Cards: Makuc 83S; Quirk 3F; Anderson 13D; Murray 167N.

Event Cards: 1) Parliament May Be Summoned by Chancellor/2-1 (Discarded); 2) Card 13B to Power Hungry; 3) Storms @ Sea/5-4, Audley, Howard (Le George to Rochester or Dover); 4) Scots Raid-Warden/Northern to Bamburgh, Marshal to Cheviots.

Where the Heirs Are: Margaret is w/Plantagenet/L; Wales w/ Stafford; York w/Berkeley; March w/Hastings; Rutland w/Ireland. Berkeley's faction gets the Duke of York card.

Notes: To answer a question, when one player loans a ship to another the player to whom it is loaned should order it. As long as the ship remains at sea or at a refuge or island the borrowing player has the option as to when the owning player regains control. At a port in mainland England, the owning player has this option.

To forestall a question, Crown Cards drawn during a current turn have a special status. They are immune to Treachery Cards & a player has the option of playing them on a noble in order to respond to an event call during the same turn. Thus, if a player got the Const/Dover card during turn 3 and then an event card came up on the same turn summoning that card to Dover, the holding player could give the card to a noble and allow him to respond. This ruling does NOT apply to traded cards.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dave Anderson, 219 Oakland, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059 (Phone: 1-313-338-7969).

Press:

Wonderland to World: The Wonderland Faction welcomes all correspondence from interested Lancastrians.

Hastings to Hicksville: Don't agree with your ruling on the forest. If I had been traveling from M30-M39 I agree the forest would stop me. Coming from Tutbury should allow me to continue up the road even though I didn't use "road movement" per se.

Hicksville: I stick by my ruling for two reasons: a) The rulebook does not mention or imply permission to use the road for this purpose and; b) the rules specifically say, "Movement on and off a road cannot be combined in the same move."

Thorny to Power Hungry: Due to uncontrollable circumstances the attack on York must be delayed while I deal with the Peasant's revolt southeast of London.

Hicksville to Thorny: In other words, you "Kent" make it, eh?

Hastings to World: Hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho,
It's off to Leeds we go,
To catch an heir,
And kill him there,
Hi ho hi ho hi ho.

Cromwell to World: Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we to. To catch the thief, who stole the BEEF! hi ho, hi ho.

Le Nicholas to Fitzalan: At your service, Lord Fitzy, baby.

On a street corner in Wakefield: "...and I tell you that as all good people you must welcome the colored ones with open arms, no one must be a slave any longer, equal rights for all mankind, but not for women..."

The deadline for Turn 6 is: 4/30/84

Anduin #3031

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Your sub ends with the issue
listed on your mailing label.
(T)= We are trading.
(S)= Sample
(C)=Complimentary issue
(ms/#)= Mutual sub until #?

You are needed as
a standby in game(s) _____

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Your code # for
all Anduin games is _____

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